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The stories, the sights, and the voices of 1998

'It looks like Mother Nature doesn't want her trees anymore.'

JIM BENNETT, Sunday River Ski Resort employee, commenting over his radio on tree damage during the second night of the ice storm.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The biggest story of 1998 hit early and hit hard.

One week into the new year, on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7, freezing rain began falling across the Northeast. By the time the sun came out on Saturday, the region -- including much of Canada -- was locked in the grip of the worst weather disaster in memory.

When the rain hit trees it froze, and the weight of the icy coating eventually snapped limbs and sometimes whole trees. Power lines strung below the trees were dragged to the ground, plunging millions of electrical customers into the dark.

In Maine, half a million customers of Central Maine Power Company were without electricity. For some, it would be two weeks or more before their service was restored.

In this region the damage was uneven. Some residents, especially those living in lower, valley areas lost power only momentarily, and in a few cases not at all.

But residents living higher in the hills, especially in rural areas found themselves thrust back into a modern ice age.

The community reacts

The scope of the Ice Storm of '98 was unprecedented, and so was the scope of the response.

Neighbors with power quickly came to the aid of neighbors without, sometimes chainsawing their way down roads made impassable by hanging and fallen limbs.

Volunteer patrols made their way to isolated homes to check on the welfare of the occupants, especially the elderly.

The Locke Mills American Legion Hall was converted to a shelter that remained open for 12 days. Local fire stations were opened and manned, providing water and assistance with emergency communications.

And private homes and many

businesses were opened to those needing food, shelter, or perhaps just a hot shower.

"We had more places for people to stay than we had people who needed it," said Bethel Police Sergeant (now chief) Darren Tripp.

Portable generators were cranked up, and then passed down a chain, from those who had just gotten their power back to those who were still waiting. (And many of us learned a new word: "backfeed.")

While local people were assisting local people, help from away began arriving.

Utility and tree company crews from across the country were pouring into the region to tackle the huge job of restoring electrical service -- first came the tree trimming crews, clearing the power corridor along the roadways, then came the electrical crews to hook up the power.

When things eventually returned to normal, individuals, businesses and towns began to tally the cost of the storm.

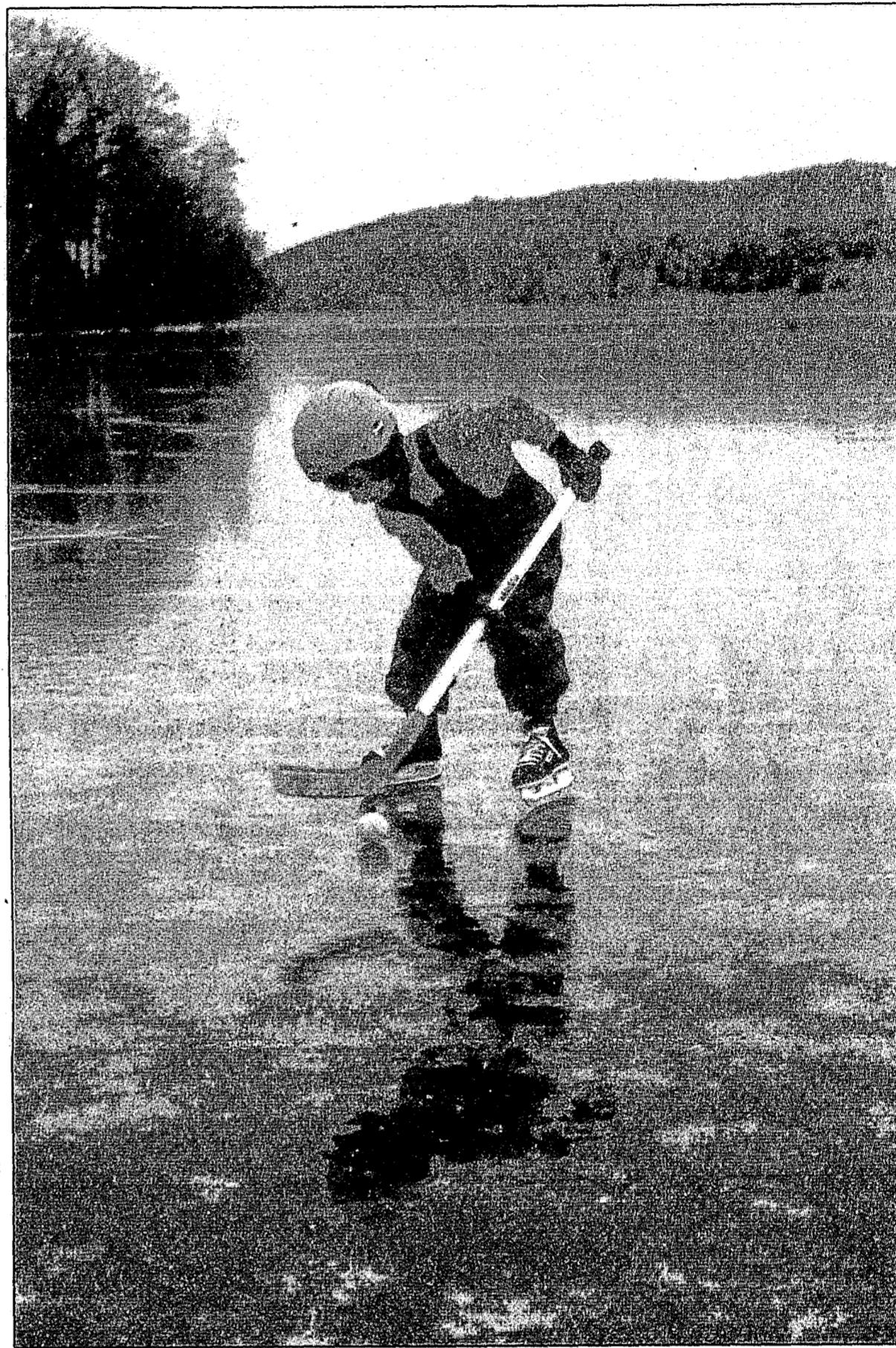
Homeowners' insurance generally covered the cost of damage to structures, but not damage to trees -- and there were many that needed to be cleared or cut down.

Local ski-related businesses felt the impact in their bottom line. Activity came to a near standstill on what should have been a peak winter weekend.

The effects were still being felt four months later, when debris in the woods forced cancellation of what was to be the 10th annual Jeep Jamboree.

Towns, meanwhile, had to figure out how to pay for sanding roads during the storm, clearing and disposing of tree limbs afterward, and paying overtime.

That cost in most cases ran in the tens of thousands of dollars, 90 percent of which was reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (75%) and the state.



A CHANCE
TO ENJOY THE ICE
-- BUT BE CAREFUL
R. Scot Baribeau, 7,
practices his slap shot
on South Pond. More
skaters are being seen
on local lakes, but the
Maine Warden Service
is warning anyone who
plans to venture out
on the ice, including
ice fishermen (the
season starts Friday),
that the ice is still
dangerously thin
in many places.

(For the record: young
Scot was over very
shallow water near the
Greenwood Town
Beach, and he was
being closely watched
by two adults standing
only a few feet away.)

(Photo by Carol Savage)

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New Year's Bethel events

(To be celebrated Thursday evening, Dec. 31)

On Main Street

Lighted Vehicle Parade

At the Moses Mason House

(corner Broad and Mason streets)

7 p.m. --	Henry Bascomb, a.k.a Chaitanya York
8:15 p.m. --	Fiddle Box
9:30 p.m. --	Henry Bascomb
10:45 p.m. --	Fiddle Box

At the West Parish Congregational Church

(Church Street)

7 p.m. --	State Street Traditional Jazz Band
8:15 p.m. --	By His Grace
9:30 p.m. --	State Street Traditional Jazz Band
10:45 p.m. --	By His Grace

At the Crescent Park School

(off Mason Street on Crescent Street)

7 p.m. --	Good Rockin' Daddies
8:15 p.m. --	Congo Square
9:30 p.m. --	Good Rockin' Daddies
10:45 p.m. --	Congo Square

At the Bingham Auditorium

(Church Street)

7 p.m. --	Baraka Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble
8:15 --	Highland Soles
9:30 p.m. --	Baraka Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble
10:45 p.m. --	Highland Soles

At the Bingham House

(upper Broad Street)

11:30 p.m. --	Cocoa, coffee and nibbles with the Seashores
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On the Common

(Broad Street)

7 to 12 p.m. --	Bonfire for roasting marshmallows
12 p.m. --	Fireworks presented by the Bethel Inn

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Natural-gas pipeline is pushed through

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Many Bethel area businesses got a big boost in 1998, as hundreds of workers were hereabouts to lay pipe for a \$350 million natural-gas project.

The local section was only a small part of the overall 272-mile undertaking, which when complete will carry gas from near the Canadian border to Haverhill, Mass.

Most of the pipeline work was along the older right of way of the Portland Pipeline Company, where the first pipeline to Canada was laid in 1941.

But this year's project also included a new, 13.5-mile spur of 12-inch pipe, which passes through

Bethel and Greenwood, following rights of way from Hunts Corner in Albany, along Route 35, the Rabbit, East Bethel and Intervale roads.

Part of a 43-mile lateral line intended to service paper mills in Rumford and Jay, the spur line connects in Albany to a new 24-inch trunk line running along the older pipeline path.

The project cleared the various regulatory hurdles in 1997 -- despite vehement opposition from many residents living along the lateral's right of way.

Actual construction began this spring, and gas is now expected to start flowing in February, accord-

ing to a spokesman for the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, the consortium of companies behind the undertaking.

Local work on the project received generally positive grades from state and local environmental regulators.

And the economic impact here was a boon for local businesses -- as workers and their families filled restaurants, camping grounds, rental units and stores.

The paths through which the pipeline actually passes will benefit in equally tangible ways.

Gilead received a one-time bonus of \$58,246 from PNGTS -- the property tax on pipe and equipment stored in a staging area in prepara-

tion for construction work.

And the new pipeline -- which cost approximately \$1.2 million per mile on the main line and half that on the spur -- will continue to yield property tax benefits.

In Bethel, for example, the additional valuation will produce well over \$100,000 in new property taxes next year, according to the PNGTS spokesman's estimate.

A second, and related, utility-corridor upgrade was also in the news this year.

In May, Central Maine Power Company announced plans to add an additional power line along and existing 33-mile-long corridor

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Local drivers had plenty of opportunity to practice patience.

March 1969

Concorde Makes First Flight

The Big Bird lands at Bethel Int'l Airport and celebrates at The Millbrook Tavern

"We're making history every night"

'Properties that would have been vacant are filled.'

PAULA GILLIES of Maine Street Realty,
on area rental units filled by pipeline workers.

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Letters

WHO NEEDS THE NBA?

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage all The Citizen's readers to come out and attend the girls' and boys' basketball games.

Anyone who enjoys a good sporting event will not be disappointed. Many of us grumble about the professional players who are forfeiting the season for higher salaries. We do not need to miss out on any of the excitement, I assure you. Those who attended the Winthrop/Telstar game before vacation can attest to the fact that they got plenty of excitement at these games. Going into overtime against one of the top-rated teams can definitely cause an increase in pulse rate.

Beyond the sheer enjoyment of the game, there is the fact that Telstar is a community school which deserves community support. Boys and girls from Andover, Newry, Bryant Pond, Greenwood, Bethel and surrounding areas play on our sports teams and deserve our support and encouragement. They work hard and put all they have into their playing. The least they deserve is to look up and see the bleachers full of cheering fans.

Fans can come for the excitement, come for the kids, or come for the Beanie given by the Boosters as a door prize, but we all hope they do come.

Merrie Lee Ojeda
Bethel

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Bethel Rotary Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals, families, and groups that helped make this year's Christmas for Children Campaign our most successful ever. Our goal of \$8,000 was met and surpassed thanks to this generosity. More importantly, over 135 children benefited from the program this year.

I would also like to extend our thanks to the Bethel Citizen for helping us promote this important Rotary effort.

David W. Murphy
Chairman, Bethel Rotary Club Christmas for Children Campaign

TRUE MEANING OF THANKFUL

To the Editor:

We learned the true meaning of being thankful this holiday season. On Thanksgiving night our furnace had a blow-back which filled our entire house with smoke. We would like to thank the Bethel Fire Department and the Ambulance Service who arrived quickly to help. Jack Brooks and Doug Greenleaf came over at midnight to work on our furnace so we could bring our family back into our home. We would also like to thank the Kenistons for providing a warm place for our boys to play late into the night.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Pete and Lisa Roth and Sons
Bethel

'They have a tremendous work ethic. They care for and support each other.'

JEFF PARSONS, on pipeline workers, in an August letter to the editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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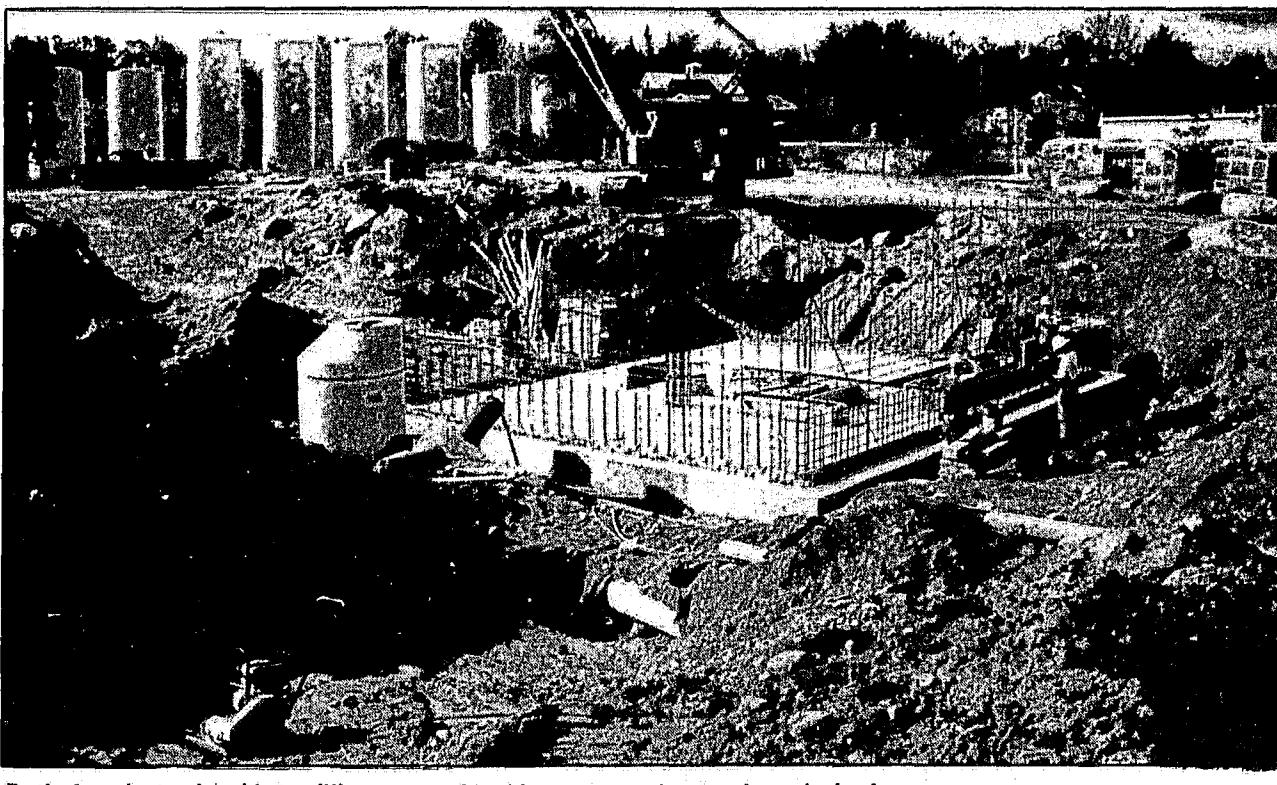
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Bethel undertook a \$2.3 million upgrade of its wastewater treatment plant.

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Infrastructure and other investments

By MICHAEL DANIELS

In what must be seen as a sign of faith in the Bethel area's economic outlook, residents and businesses commit millions of dollars to improving its infrastructure and buildings.

Work began this year on a major overhaul and upgrading of Bethel's wastewater treatment plant. The project is expected to be completed early next year.

The total cost of the upgrade, initially projected at \$1.2 million, is now expected to be closer to \$2.3 million, -- and the funding did not come easy.

As the cost rose and at least one funding source dried up (due to the failure of Bethel Station to generate new jobs) the town selectmen were forced to go back to voters twice for more money.

And at year's end the selectmen were also still involved in a six-month-long dispute with the engineering firm for the project.

The firm is asking for an additional \$87,000 in engineering fees, for work it says was necessitated by the increased size of the project and unexpected difficulties encountered after work got underway.

Numerous meetings among the selectmen, Budget Committee, town attorney and representatives of the engineering firm have so far failed to resolve the issue.

With the town's aging Fire Station in need of expansion and renovation, the Bethel Public Safety Committee is pressing ahead with a study of the town's options, which include renovating the existing structure or building an entirely new building to possibly house not only the Fire Department, but also the Ambulance Service and/or Police Department.

The committee is expected to report back to the board sometime early next year.

Bethel voters also agreed in August to allow the runway at the Col. Dyke Airfield to be extended

The \$2.4-million project will be at no cost to the town, since the funding is coming from the Federal Aviation Agency, the Maine Department of Transportation, and the American Skiing Company (which is covering what would normally be the town's share, of up to \$150,000).

At the same meeting where the runway expansion was approved, voters agreed to spend \$17,000 of town money to begin the process of reconstructing Swan Hill Road.

The Sunday River Road in Bethel and Newry may also be in for an upgrade soon.

The two towns are in discussion regarding a possible arrangement under which the state will pay 50 percent of the cost of the work, Sunday River Ski Resort will pay 25 percent, and the towns will pay the remaining 25 percent.

Andover residents received good news at year's end, when the state Department of Human Services lifted a boil order for customers of the Andover Water District.

The order -- which had been ignored by many customers -- was placed more than two years ago, when tests revealed that water from the district's surface water system failed to meet standards of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

After considerable debate, voters agreed to go ahead with a replacement system fed by a drilled well and a new reservoir.

The new system is being paid for in part by a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant and a \$250,000 loan from the state's revolving loan fund. The district is expected to be required to pay back only \$60,000 of that amount, at a rate of \$2,000 per year.

A number of meetings were held over the course of the year regarding a long-sought Route 2 snowmobile bridge over the Androscoggin River and a multi-use recreational pathway leading through Bethel Station to the

bridge.

As of year's end it appeared that work on the path would begin this spring, but the bridge, due to a lack of funding, is still a long way off.

The Private Sector

Not all the investment in the area during the past year was public money.

In September Gould Academy dedicated Ordway Hall, a state-of-the-art dining and meeting facility.

The new building was the first project on this scale at Gould in 30 years.

And at Bethel's Airport Industrial Park, the American Skiing Company completed major renovations -- including 40 new offices -- to the Edge Card Building, which it leases from the town.

The National Training Laboratories, which has invested half a million dollars to improve its facilities in Bethel, announced plans this year to boost its program capacity here by 50 percent -- to 1,500 people a year.

The Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond successfully raised over \$20,000 to pay for construction of a new wing for the library.

The Bethel Historical Society launched a \$950,000 capital campaign that will allow it to purchase the neighboring "Elms" building and convert it into a Regional History Center.

The Bethel Inn spent \$1.2 million in 1998 to renovate its "Chapman Wing," which now houses eight suites, eight deluxe rooms, as well as conference and office space.

And renovations went ahead during the year on the former Post Office on Main Street.

The postal service, which is now in temporary quarters in Bethel Station's Casablanca Building, is expected to move back to the Main Street space early in 1999.

A \$32 Million Gas Tax Balloon

By MIKE BROWN

Well, Maine's daily and monopoly newspapers are huffing and puffing up Gov. Angus King's trial balloon for a five-cent increase in the state gas tax with some disturbing misinformation.

The Bangor Daily News, for instance, editorially and truthfully challenged as always, says Maine's gas tax at 19 cents a gallon is the lowest in New England. Not so.

As of Jan. 1, 1998, the following was correct. Maine's gas tax was 19 cents a gallon. New Hampshire's was 18 cents. Vermont has an adjustable tax currently at 19 cents. Massachusetts' gas tax is currently 21 cents, but the tax is based on the average wholesale price and is adjusted quarterly. Connecticut's is the highest at a whopping 36 cents. And Rhode Island at 28 cents also has an adjustable gas tax based on the average wholesale price adjusted quarterly.

Nationally there are only 18 states that have a higher non-adjustable gas tax than Maine.

Does Maine's Department of Transportation need a five-cent gas tax increase to bail out an impending \$55 million budget deficit? And should Maine motorists be squeezed for another \$32.5 million for the rescue? (A one-cent increase of the gas tax represents about \$6.5 million.) The last time the gas tax was increased it was termed a "temporary" tax. If the nickel increase speeds through the Legislature, the 24-cent Maine gas tax will be a "permanent" tax.

Maine also would have one of the highest non-adjustable gas taxes in the nation, joining only Montana, Oregon and Utah.

King, a lame duck and head accountable in another term for whamo tax hike, and his highway commissioner, John Melrose, are in the gas tax balloon gondola riding high above the ground reality of mounting Maine taxes.

And apparently DOT can't live within its own budget. Two thirds of the highway fund are derived from fuel taxes, meaning a tax increase is a biggie quick fix for the highway bureaucrats. But recently projected revenues show that the highway fund will have an annual growth of 1.4 percent over the next two biennia.

Come the fiscal year 2003 budget, DOT's highway fund (without an increase) is projected at \$233,563,603. Of that revenue, \$156,689,090 comes from gas and other fuel taxes.

King and Melrose may also go for increased motor registration, inspection and other fees. Without an increase, Maine motorists are taxed

about \$63 million a year for these fees.

Legislators should take a long and insightful look at Maine Department of Transportation, which they haven't in the past. DOT is pretty much a separate state within a state bureaucracy. It has 12 bureaus and offices with about 2,400 employees. It has a budget of some \$220 million of state appropriations. And another \$127 million from the federal DOT.

Incidentally, all Maine departments for the year ending June 30, 1996, received from the federal DOT and other federal agencies, \$1,283,164,689. That's billions.

Maine DOT's self-regulated, state-within-a-state status has its own audit office. The Bureau of Budget indicates that it does not maintain comprehensive fiscal data of DOT units. DOT has its own office of legal services whose attorneys are not under the supervision or control of the attorney general's office as are all other major state agencies.

Apparently DOT's kennel for legal beagles approved of past practices which included using bond issue money raised through state referendums for specific designated highway projects and then transferred some of it to the general fund to balance the state budget. Quite plausibly unconstitutional.

DOT's somewhat oligarchy ways are somewhat criticized by the state Department of Audit. In audit's recent report it noted that the DOT routinely transfers previously charged expenditures from one account to another without specific legislative approval.

Such DOT's actions, says the audit, circumvents legal restrictions, creates a potential for misstatements, inadequate budgetary controls and inability to accurately forecast budgetary needs. Audit recommends that DOT seek the advisement of the state controller and state budget officer.

Perhaps the Legislature should hold off on a \$32.5 million gas tax increase until Maine's DOT gets its house and budget under realistic control.

The push for a gas tax increase is accompanied by all the King's men promising to fix state highway potholes. Perhaps Mainers should heed another King, instead. An old departed good neighbor, former Canadian Prime Minister William Mackenzie King, who said that "the promises of yesterday are the taxes of today."

(Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: The Children's Dance Theater of Bethel presented a Christmas program for the residents at Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. Dancers were Gina Hebert, Rachel Ecker-Polak, Jessica Horowitz, Nichol Roberts, Sara Gamble, Miranda Stinson, Meg Favreau, Erin Desmond, Kimberly Kernan, Tara Dennis, Kristen Brooks, Christine Dennis, Eric Munn, Amanda McGrew, Paige Brown, Cassie Mason, Laura Pivin, Kara Mason, Holly Dolbe, Michelle Luce, Leah Haney, Danyelle Swain, Darcy Baker, Carrie Rolfe, Rachel Monk, Jen Shaw, Erica Gunderson, Angie Farnum, Megan Paquette, Ginny Faulkham, Amanda Dunham, Anna Sysko, Kara Hanscom, Becka Fraser, Amanda Driscoll, Renee Royer, Karen Wheeler, Jessica Rose, Monica Rolfe, Amanda Sysko, Leah Bonnema.

Airman Alan Buckman Jr. graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Baker's Art Gallery and Frame Centre, on the Sunday River Road in Newry, held a Grand Opening.

Births: Carl Hansen, Amber Cummings, Kara Coulombe.

Deaths: Irma Thompson, Francis Ward Jr., Eugene Buswell, George Stowell Jr.

20 years ago: GAN Sanitation Service, owned and operated by George and Danna Nickerson for six years, was sold, effective Jan. 1, 1979, to Dwight and Elaine Merrill.

Mrs. Sonja Davis of Bryant Pond held the winning ticket for the fully stuffed Christmas stocking, which was presented by Sonny Silvermail, owner of the Sunshine Laundry Center in Locke Mills.

Miss Leslie Bancroft left for a ski trip in Europe.

Birth: Alexandra Gillies.

Deaths: Joseph Vanable, Allen Allen.

30 years ago: Bethel resident John Price lost his life in a head-on collision on Route 2 near the intersection of Cross Street in Bethel.

Bethel's fifth annual "Living Nativity Scene" was televised on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day "as an example of how a Maine community finds the true meaning of Christmas by sharing together" in creating the Nativity.

Maurice and Michelene Roy and infant son, Michael, portrayed the Holy Family, and the three Wise Men were Bill Koen, Rolly Glines, and John Tabbets.

Marriage: Donna Meisner and George Holmes.

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Briefly

Bartlett won't run again

GREENWOOD--Marie Bartlett, a member of the Board of Selectmen for 14 years, will not seek re-election in March. "I'm ending it," Bartlett said Monday. "I want to relax and not be as involved. And Carol (Whitman, town manager) is doing a wonderful job." Bartlett, who is the chair of the board, said that when she tells people she's leaving, "They laugh. They don't believe it."

No more boiling

ANDOVER--The long-standing boil water order issued Oct. 23, 1996, for the Andover Water District has been officially lifted, trustees were told last week. Recent bacteria testing of the well water for AWD's new water system showed adequate results, according to a letter from the Department of Human Services. A new pump station and 300,000 gallon reservoir have been online since early November. The water system was installed to bring AWD into compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Voters OK trash money

WOODSTOCK--"Three brave citizens" turned out in snowy weather Tuesday evening for a special Town Meeting to transfer funds between accounts in order to cover an overrun in the town's recycling account, according to Vern Maxfield, town manager. The voters approved using \$12,000 from the surplus account and \$2,085 from the recycling capital account for the expenses.

Spring work coming in spring

WOODSTOCK--Town officials met Tuesday with Michael and Kathy Guinta, who own the property behind the roadside spring on Route 26, regarding plans to improve the spring's outlet. Recent water tests have indicated the presence of coliform bacteria, probably coming from rotted leaves, according to town manager Vern Maxfield. "They're very willing to let us do what we need to do," said Maxfield, including some excavation work and placement of new tiles. An estimate of the cost will be drawn up, with funding likely coming from a combination of donations from spring users and tax money. The work will take place as early in the spring as possible, Maxfield said.

Tripp's tips

BETHEL--In the wake of the first significant snowstorm of the season, Police Chief Darren Tripp is reminding drivers to make sure their tail-lights are free of snow. Because recent car models are more aerodynamically designed, the snow often does not blow off by itself, he said, making it difficult for a driver behind the vehicle to see the lights come on. Tripp also said property owners should refrain from placing or plowing snow in the road. Putting snow in the road is a traffic infraction carrying a \$90 fine. The snow can create an unexpected slippery area in the road, threatening the safety of drivers passing by, said Tripp.

Telemark Festival planned

LOCKE MILLS--The Maine Telemark Festival is scheduled for Jan. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. The event includes lessons and instruction from beginner to expert, as well as specialized clinics, an uphill-downhill race and a Giant Slalom race. There is no entry fee.

Low oil prices warm Mainers

BRUNSWICK--Heating oil prices have hit their lowest level in more than a decade, which is great news for homeowners and local governments but sends a chill through oil companies. Oil prices as of Dec. 21 averaged 72-cents-per-gallon statewide, with highs of 82 cents and lows of 64 cents being reported, according to the Maine State Planning Office. Last year at this time, the average was 91 cents, with highs of \$1.02 and lows of 85 cents. "They're going to be heating a lot cheaper this winter, hopefully," said Judy Brown, who tracks heating oil prices for the planning office. "There's not going to be a problem even if there is going to be a terrible cold snap. There will not be a shortage of oil." Brown said the low prices resulted from a mild winter here and in Europe, and continued oil production by Arab countries that has created a surplus. She said these are the lowest heating oil prices nationwide since 1986. John Peters, executive vice president at DownEast Energy in Brunswick, said Maine is the most competitive heating oil market in the nation. "That's great for the consumers, but tough on us," Peters said. Heating-oil dealers have to work hard to pare down operating costs to stay competitive and still turn a profit. "The market drives the price and we have a responsibility to our customers to keep the price low," Peters said. "But we need to make a profit to keep our company viable. It's tough."

Bug expert warns moths on their way

HARPSWELL--Some coastal communities should prepare for a war against moths, whose airborne hairs can cause skin rashes and breathing problems in humans, a state insect expert says. State Forest Service entomologist Richard Bradbury suggests spraying more than 5,000 acres in Harpswell, Brunswick, Freeport, Yarmouth and Cumberland next spring to eliminate browntail moth caterpillars. When the caterpillars shed their skin, their hairs take to the air. When coming into contact with human skin, they can cause a severe skin rash similar to poison ivy. And if inhaled, they can cause respiratory problems. The caterpillars also defoliate trees and shrubs. Spraying has been successful on Casco Bay islands off Portland, Bradbury said. John A. Walsh of Framingham, Mass., who owns a summer home on Birch Island in Harpswell, said he and his guests had to make six trips to the emergency room last summer to be treated for respiratory problems from the moths. When he left in October, Walsh noticed "an incredible number of their larvae nests, which suggests a very unpleasant 1999 not only on Birch Island, but in all of Harpswell," he wrote to the town.

Rafting sets new record

WEST FORKS--This year was a good one for Maine whitewater rafting companies, which carried a record number of customers, according to a marketing association representing most of the state's outfitters. A total of 81,314 customers paddled the Kennebec, Penobscot and Dead rivers, surpassing the previous record of 80,377 in 1995, Wende Gray, director of Raft Maine, said last week. Gray, who based her figures on data from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, said this year's total was 4.5 percent higher than last year's. "Everybody seems happy, and everybody that has sent revenue figures in so far said the economy was good, which encouraged spending," said Gray, whose association includes 13 of the state's 18 outfitters. The more people who raft, the more money the state gets, as well. Gray said the inland fisheries department gets \$1 a head for each rafter so it can manage the industry. "I think Maine is probably the most regulated and therefore one of the safest rafting locations in the country," Gray said. "I mean, we do a good job and I think that's one of the reasons that we get as many rafters as we do. Safety is a big issue nowadays." Commercial rafting remains fiercely competitive, and outfitters spend much more trying to lure customers away from other firms than they do trying to expand the industry, Gray said.

Millennium bug threat met by yawns

PORLTAND--With the countdown to the year 2000 soon to begin, many of Maine's manufacturers remain untroubled by the risk of computer problems that could shut them down. "What we're finding is a huge amount of apathy out there," said John Pierce, director of information technology for the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which is sponsoring a \$1 million effort to raise the awareness of the Y2K problem. Many manufacturers are "too busy back home getting widgets out the door to focus on this," said Pierce. Calls by a phone bank for Pierce's group to 2,400 Maine companies suggest that a majority have not begun to focus on the millennium bug. And the National Federation of Independent Business estimates that about 7 percent of all small businesses nationally will shut down because of Year 2000-related disruptions.

From the Bethel Police log: The snow arrives -- and so do accidents

In a two-hour period during the evening of Dec. 29, police responded to four separate accidents. Two single-vehicle accidents occurred on Route 2 near the Bethel/Gilead town line, another involving three vehicles happened on Route 2 near the River View Resort, and the fourth, involving two vehicles, took place on Bridge Street in front of Rite Aid. There were no injuries reported in any of the mishaps. Bethel was also asked twice (on Tuesday and Wednesday) to provide the Jaws of Life in accidents on Route 26 north of Newry Corner.

Friday, Dec. 25

At 2:45 p.m. a subject was observed driving a pickup truck on the East Bethel Road. A license check showed a suspended status. The subject, Jared J. Heath, 24, of Greenwood was stopped, summonsed for operating after suspension, and released.

Saturday, Dec. 26

At 8:25 p.m. police assisted the Sheriff's Department with a rollover on the Barker Mountain Road in Newry. The driver was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital by Bethel Rescue. After a deputy arrived the Bethel officer cleared.

Monday, Dec. 28

At 6:35 a.m. a vehicle was stopped on the Sunday River Road for exceeding the posted speed limit (66 miles per hour in a 45 m.p.h. zone). A license check showed the driver's license was under suspension. Jeremiah M. Mills, 24, of Bryant Pond received a citation for driving on suspension/revocation and speeding.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

At 3:46 p.m. a subject walking on Mechanic Street was bitten on the leg by a dog. The animal, owned by a party from out of town, was apparently overexcited by a group of children playing football. The subject was advised to seek medical treatment. It was confirmed the dog was licensed and had a current valid record of rabies shots. A relative of the owner was notified of a required 45-day house impoundment.

At 11:45 p.m. a vehicle was stopped on the Intervale Road for numerous defects. It was found the plates did not belong to the vehicle. Several containers of beer were also found in the back seat. Gordon E. Peace, 19, of Bryant Pond was charged with illegal attachment of plates, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.

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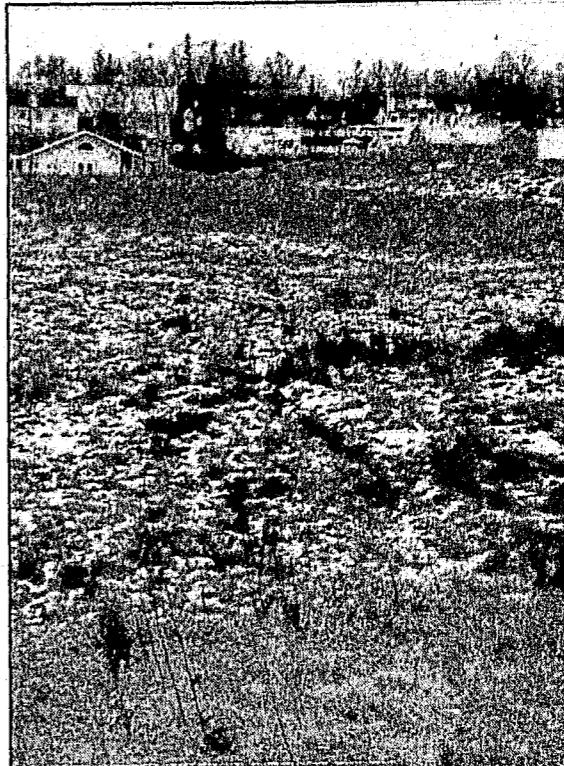
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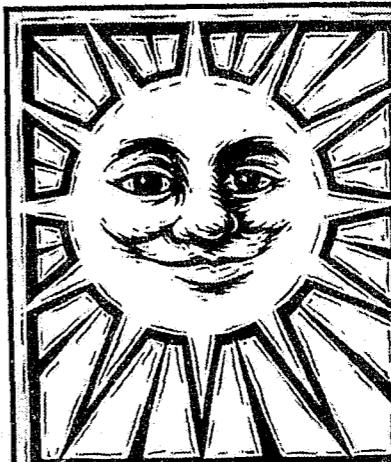
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Maybe a little local help can get things moving at Bethel Station.

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Pipeline

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PNGTS PIPELINE WORK was delayed early in the summer by heavy rains (left), but most of the project work in this area was completed by early October. Above, pipe lies ready to go into the ground in Albany. (Photos by Alison Aloisio)

'There are very few people who can do what we do -- or would want to.'

'HEBERT,' a pipeliner from Pennsylvania

passing through seven towns between Rumford and Harrison, including Greenwood and Woodstock.

The new line would carry power from a proposed new generation plant in Rumford, scheduled to go online in 2000. That plant will be fired by gas from the PNGTS spur line.

Although the power would go to the New England Power Pool grid, it could also help to provide a more reliable source of electricity for Western Maine, CMP claimed.

Because this area is in the far corner of the overall power system, customers in the region are more likely to be affected any time a line

goes down. The new line could help stabilize the situation, CMP said.

The new transmission towers, however, would be 10 feet higher than the existing ones, and would require CMP's current rights of way be widened by an additional 75 to 100 feet.

Those facts, along with other environmental and aesthetic considerations, were discussed by Cushman Hill residents at a two-hour informational meeting held by CMP.

Following the meeting, the CMP officials agreed to look again at the plans and see if changes could be

made that would address those concerns.

In December the company announced modifications to the plan as it applies to the Cushman Hill area. The major changes include narrowing the right of way and eliminating "H" towers (which would be replaced by single poles).

The company already has approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection for the project, and is seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commission.

Work is expected to begin early in 1999 and to be completed by the end of the year.

Gas -- in this case propane -- also

figure in two other news stories this year.

In August the Bear River Grange was rocked by an explosion while 50 people were inside attending a family reunion.

The basement of the building suffered extensive damage, but there were no serious injuries among those inside.

A gas leak in the basement, ignited by an electrical spark, was blamed for the explosion.

A similar cause, but with a more serious outcome, was in the news in November.

The Friday before Thanksgiving the Newry Fire Department responded to a report of leaking gas

at a duplex in Alpine Village at Sunday River.

As Chief Brad Wight turned off the main power switch, an electrical spark ignited the gas, blowing the house off its foundations and badly burning Wight's hands and face.

He was transported to Maine Medical Center in Portland for treatment.

Assistant Chief Randy Harrington and Fireman Gary Wight also suffered burns but did not require hospitalization.

By year's end the chief was recuperating well and back at his day job.

Other environmental impacts

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The clash of views over the use of "jet skis" on area lakes was the top environmental issue of 1998, as Woodstock and Greenwood voted to ban the craft, subject to approval by the Maine Legislature.

Lakeside residents have complained for years that noise and reckless operation by wake-jumping jet skiers have taken their toll on human and animal populations alike.

This year, the Legislature paved the way for controlling "jet ski" use by setting up a procedure by which towns could petition the state for authority to impose regulations on the craft. The Legislature is expected to vote on the issue in its upcoming session.

"Jet ski" users have countered that such an approach misses the mark. Rather, they said, better enforcement of existing watercraft laws was the fair means to rein in offending operators.

An organized effort by the Community Lakes Association brought the issue to Town Meetings in October, and the result was a clear mandate, as both Greenwood and Woodstock voted for a ban by 3-to-1 margins.

Meanwhile, another important area water body, the Androscoggin River, was the subject of a more conciliatory effort by diverse groups seeking to balance the river's well-being with economic good health.

The fourth annual Androscoggin River Watershed Conference in November set in motion a process to form the Androscoggin River Watershed Council. The organization is the first in Maine to cover an entire major waterway.

Paper company, conservation organization and municipal representatives from Maine and New Hampshire are now at work organizing the council. Possible projects might include increasing public access to the river, adding sanitation facilities, formalizing river trails, further stocking of fish for catch and release programs, recommendations for mill and municipality discharges and water quality monitoring.

Fourteen miles of the Little Androscoggin River, from Lake Christopher to South Paris was

recommended for reclassification to Class A from Class B. A Class A river has a natural habitat for aquatic life and dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform levels as would naturally occur. The reclassification must be approved by the Legislature.

In Greenwood, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife "reclaimed" Overset Pond by applying the poison rotenone. The poison was used to kill large populations of suckers, golden shiners and other species, preparing the pond to be restocked with trout next spring. The trout will be spared competition from the other types of fish.

Off the water, 1998 saw at least a minimal amount of funding designated for the cleanup of the Gordon tire dump in Greenwood. The tire facility was licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection in 1991 and closed in 1995, after some 2.7 million tires had been accumulated on the site.

Local officials have been pushing since then to get the state to clean up the tires, which pose a potential fire hazard.

About \$200,000, raised through a statewide tire dump cleanup bond issue, was earmarked for Greenwood in 1998. The majority of the total bond money raised by the statewide vote, however, was directed toward dumps in Nobleboro and Bowdoinham.

The current plan provides for the removal of about 20 percent of the Greenwood tires.

More promising would be a new recycling technology recently developed in Canada to turn ground-up tires into road fill or fuel.

Should the process be put into operation by the private company proposing it, all the tires in Maine dumps could be cleaned up in three years, according to the company.

In the woods of Greenwood, a minority of 4WD-users did enough damage to property of the Penley Corp. to prompt the company to consider gating a popular "off-road" route, as well as feeder roads leading to it. The 3.6-mile stretch of main road leads from Mt. Abram to Willis Mills.

Damage included erosion and the dumping of trash. Landowner Dick Penley later decided to gate the

feeder roads and leave the main road open, at least for the time being. In the long term, he said, the decision regarding whether to gate the road would depend on how users treat it.

In Woodstock and Milton, a 4,400-acre parcel of land was donated to the Maine chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The anonymous New Hampshire family that made the gift stipulated the land remain as open space.

1998 also saw two conservation groups launch a campaign to make the White Mountain National Forest into a national park. Such a move, said the New Hampshire Sierra Club and the Conservation Action Project, would better protect the land. It would also mean the end of logging and hunting, while skiing and snowmobiling could face tighter restrictions in the 773,000-acre forest.

The effort was met with opposition from those who favor continued multiple-use management of the forest. Among the skeptics were area wood products business people and more moderate conservation organizations, such as the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Another environmental group, the Conservation Law Foundation of Boston, named ASC chairman Les Otten to its Board of Directors in May.

In June Bethel voters approved a new comprehensive plan for the town, intended to guide its growth over the next decade.

And in a move aimed at improving the quality of the visual environment most of us see most often, they also agreed to require that businesses replace more than 140 MDOT directional signs in the town.

To provide visitors with an alternative source of information, the town will oversee with a new system utilizing kiosk signs for individual streets and general directional signs at key locations.

The deadline for switchover to the new system was Jan. 1, 1999, but at year's end a committee assigned to the project was still grappling with how to implement the new system.

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1997 closed on a disheartening note, when the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission voted in November to approve the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe's proposal to build a 2,000-seat bingo facility there.

As currently envisioned, the hall would operate 27 weekends a year, bringing in hundreds of cars and scores of buses each day.

Albany residents fear such an influx would destroy the quiet, rural way of life in the township.

They also worry the bingo hall will be only the beginning. Pointing to what has gone on scores of times across the country, the residents argue that once the tribe has its foot in the door here it will continue pressing until it is able to establish a full-blown, 365-day-a-year casino.

Spurred on by those fears, opponents of the bingo hall launched a legal challenge to the LURC approval.

They hired Portland attorney John Paterson -- one of the authors of Maine's Indian Land Claims Act -- to represent their case in court.

Attorney Margaret Wille, a part-time resident of Albany, also worked on the case, as did attorney Jeff Rosenblatt, a year-round resident of the township, who has filed his own challenge to the LURC appeal.

At the heart of the opponents' case is a challenge to the definition of "community" used by LURC in approving the project.

Before it could grant approval, LURC had to first find that the project met a "community need."

But the primary community cited in the LURC decision was the Pas-

samaquoddy Tribe in Pleasant Point -- more than 200 miles from here.

To stretch the definition of "community" that far, opponents argue, defies logic, common usage and the evident intent of LURC's own regulations.

Final arguments in the case were heard last month in Kennebec County Superior Court. A ruling is expected at any time.

The verdict, when it does come, is not likely to be the last word on the matter. Whichever side loses at the superior-court level is expected to take the issue to the Maine Supreme Court, a process that could take another year.

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This bill proved a victory for the

Chip mill plans change

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Mead Corporation began the year pitching a chip mill construction proposal to Hanover residents, and finished 1998 trying to sell the plan to West Paris.

Mead wants to build the plant to supply wood chips to its Rumford Mill, where the current wood-processing room is expected to be shut down in the near future.

The company originally proposed building the plant on a 282-acre lot in Hanover that had been approved previously as a subdivision. But nearby residents, including some from the Howard Pond area, worried that noise, light and truck exhaust pollution would disturb the quiet, rural surroundings.

'Hanover -- the way life should be'

SIGN that went up on Route 2

The proposal called for an estimated 180 wood-truck trips a day in and out of the plant, which would operate 16 hours a day.

Opponents launched two petition drives aimed at slowing the project's approval by the town.

Mead tried to accommodate the residents by altering the building and entrance road designs to lessen the noise. In June, however, the company dropped the whole project after deciding the added cost was too much.

In December, Mead presented a proposal for another site for the plant, this time in West Paris. The company scaled down the size of the project and chose a site that would naturally muffle background noise, according to officials. The location, a 51-acre parcel on Route 26, is currently used as a gravel pit and contains natural boulders near the Little Androscoggin River.

A public informational meeting held Dec. 8 in West Paris drew 120 people and generated two hours of questions about the proposal. Mead plans further public meetings as more specific information is developed.

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'It's the end of another institution we've had in Bethel for a long time -- the village drug store.'

EDNA YORK on Preb's closing (facing page)

Bingo-hall battle goes to court

BY MICHAEL DANIELS

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opponents -- who made their case to members of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee and then saw the committee vote 13-0 that the bill "ought not to pass." That unanimous vote effectively stopped the bill's progress.

A second bill would have removed large tracts of tribal lands from the jurisdiction of LURC. Instead, development proposals on such land would be reviewed by the Maine Indian Tribal State Association.

While bingo-hall opponents have little faith in LURC, they have even less in the tribal association -- which they regard as little more than a rubber stamp for anything on the tribal wish list.

That bill was narrowly defeated in the Senate. State Sen. Norm Ferguson (R-Hanover) fought the bill, and he credited the lobbying of Albany residents for its defeat.

But he also said he would not be surprised to see the bill reintroduced in some form at a later time.

In February the embattled Albany residents got some much appreciated moral support from their neighbors in Bethel.

To gauge the feeling of Bethel residents regarding the bingo-hall issue, the selectmen placed two items on the town's ballot in the statewide "gay-rights" referendum.

The items asked if the town should go on record against the hall, and should fight legislative initiatives that would allow gambling here to be expanded.

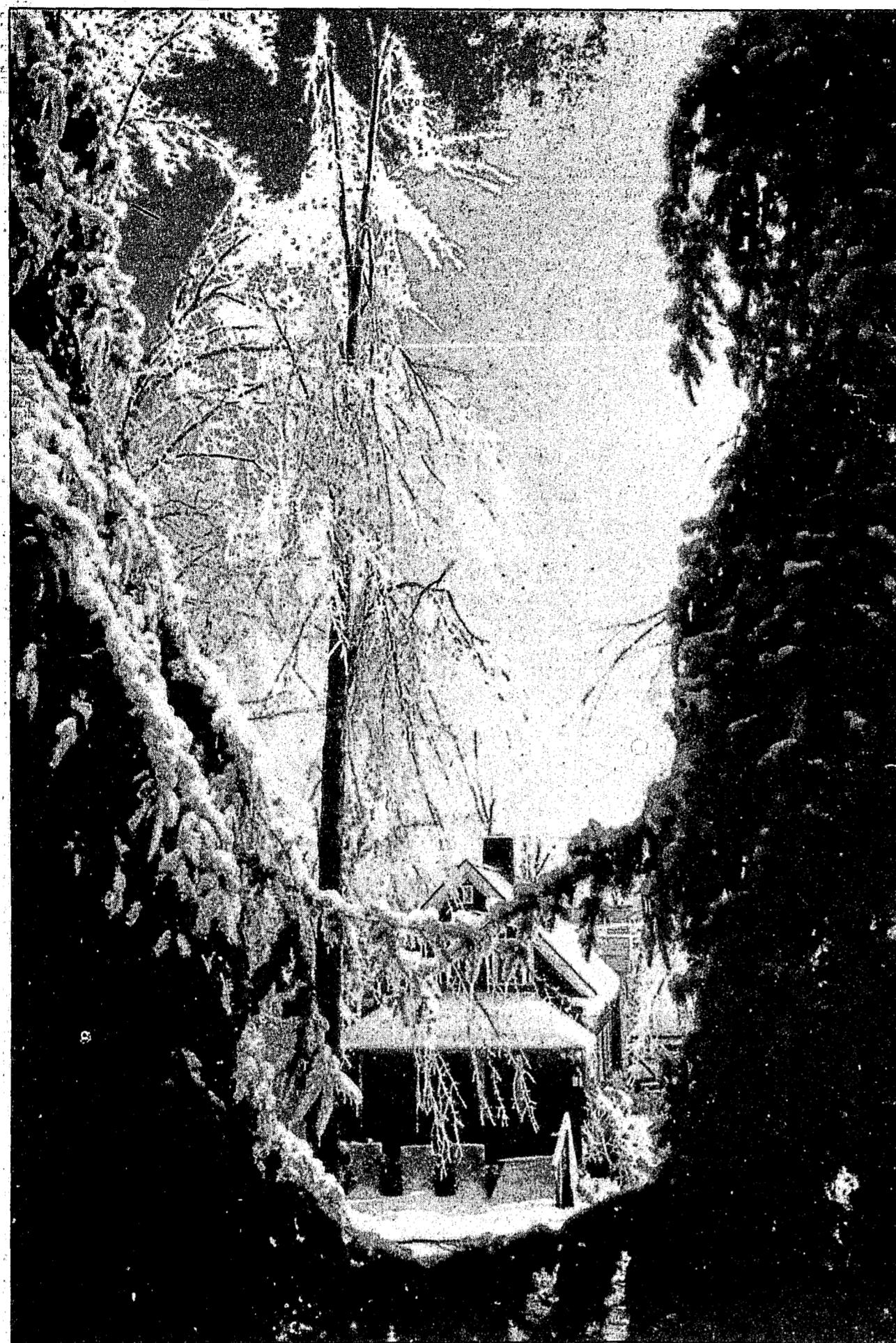
By a margin of nearly three-to-one, the voters said "yes" to both.

In March the Albany residents met with Maine Governor Angus King, an opponent of gambling.

The governor offered words of encouragement, but no meaningful assistance in the battle against the bingo hall.

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THE ICE STORM OF '98—On Saturday morning, Jan. 10, many residents of rural areas (left) awoke—if they had been able to sleep through the noise of snapping and crashing limbs—to find themselves not only powerless but also, well, ice-olated. Power lines (above) were helpless to withstand the weight of an icy world. Power crews from across the country arrived here to help restore electrical power, and (below) they earned the enduring thanks of local residents.

(Photos by Michael Daniels)

'We have wood heat, a barrel wood stove, and six cords of wood in the woodshed. It's nice.'

RODNEY JORDAN, on how he and his family were faring during the ice storm.



Changes in the local business scene

by ALISON ALOISIO

Two long-time area businesses — Mt. Abram ski area and Gilbert Manufacturing — found themselves in financial trouble in 1998. The year also saw the surprising departure of an apparently thriving Bethel business institution — Preb's Pharmacy.

Norway Savings Bank foreclosed on Mt. Abram in May, following two years of poor skiing weather that included January's ice storm.

Mt. Abram had been purchased at a 1993 foreclosure auction by Rick Hoddinott and other investors at a price of \$700,000.

The ski area was again auctioned off in August, this time at a price of \$455,000. The winning bidder was Randy Duncan, a businessman from Alna who also owns R.D. Outfitters of Warren and Schooner Landing Restaurant and Marina in Damariscotta.

Duncan also bought a nearby 29-lot subdivision for \$122,500.

He pledged to maintain the same family, small-ski-mountaint atmosphere Mt. Abram skiers had come to expect.

Duncan's first-year plans included mostly "fix-up" work, to bring the mountain's operations back to good working order. Future plans are expected to include renovation of the main lodge and the installation of a chair lift to replace a T-bar.

In September, another Locke Mills business, Gilbert Manufacturing, filed for Chapter 11 protection after an affiliated sawmill failed. The specialty wood-turning operation employs 55 people.

The associated mill, DLG Square and Dowel of Waterford, had been renovated with funding provided in part by public money. The mill reportedly had \$1.2 million in capital invested in it.

Erratic operation and other problems, however, discouraged manufacturers from making long-term commitments. Eventually the DLG operation was closed and the equipment sold at auction for \$235,000.

Gilbert Mfg. had anticipated the Locke Mills operation would account for approximately 50 percent of the sawmill's operation.

The Chapter 11 filing listed the Gilbert's assets as \$3,888,227, and

debts as \$2,981,111.

Gilbert received a \$100,000 FEMA loan in 1997, accepted and passed through to the business by Greenwood voters. The town was not subject to any financial exposure by the loan process.

The Locke Mills plant has continued to operate, but has not yet filed a reorganization plan, according to Brett Doney of the the Growth Council of Oxford Hills. Doney's organization served as an agent in helping Gilbert obtain some of its loans.

"They're looking at ways to stay in operation, either by themselves or with a partner or a new parent company," Doney said Tuesday. "The company has had discussions with other companies, but there's nothing concrete. The creditors are being patient in hopes the company will continue in operation in one form or another. We're trying to focus on keeping the jobs there, and possibly adding more. They (Gilbert) have drummed up quite a bit of new business."

Another area wood products operation, Andover Wood Products, fared much better in 1998. The plant, owned by the Ethan Allen furniture company, announced plans for a \$12 million, five-phase expansion expected to bring 70 new jobs to the company over the next 10 years. AWP, which produces glued wood panels, employs 130 people.

In late November, long-time Preb's Pharmacy customers were shocked by the announcement that owner David Preble was closing his Bethel and Paris stores and going to work for Rite Aid. The pharmacy chain opened its own Bethel store in May.

Elderly customers living in Bethel Village worried it would be difficult for them to pick up prescriptions from a store on the other side of town.

Preble said it was not competition from the chain that prompted his decision. Rather, he said, it was the shortage of pharmacists for hire and the general burden of owning and operating two stores.

Since the closing of the Bethel store on Dec. 14, several Preb's employees have found other employment.

MDOT finally ready to fix 26?

By ALISON ALOISIO

The reality of two truck rollovers in Bryant Pond and the fear of other accidents in Locke Mills prompted MDOT to lay plans in 1998 to improve Route 26.

Both truck rollovers happened in August. The first occurred at the sharp curve in the village, when a northbound tractor trailer carrying titanium dioxide failed to make the turn. None of the chemical spilled.

Only the driver was injured, continuing a relatively lucky streak. In three 18-wheeler rollovers at the corner since 1994, any injuries involved the driver only.

Emergency crews were busy again late in the month, when another truck rolled at the foot of Merrifield Hill. The driver received minor injuries.

But worries that it was only a matter of time before a much more serious accident took place led Woodstock town officials to write MDOT in September asking for better warning signals for the village area. The town had asked for additional lights or signs on several earlier occasions.

In October, the department agreed to place speed sensors and signs indicating a driver's speed in both lanes at the sharp curve. Such a measure is generally reserved for interstate highways.

The equipment was expected to be installed next spring.

Route 26 through Locke Mills lacks the curves of Bryant Pond, but poor sight distances at intersections and a hill still make driving difficult. MDOT has had plans in the works since 1991 to widen the road, lower the hill and improve the intersections, but lack of funding put the project on hold until recently.

Specific plans now include bringing the intersections with the East Bethel, Gore and Johnny's Bridge roads into Route 26 at a sharper angle and creating a turning lane for traffic headed to Mt. Abram.

The department held a hearing in August to get public input on the traffic situation, and plans another in 1999 before proceeding with work.

AES goes to multi-age classrooms



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—CPS first graders Lindsay James (left) and Christina Morin swap stories of summer vacation.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Combined classes at the Andover Elementary School and a new residential school for sexually abused children in Woodstock topped education news in 1998.

Dwindling enrollment in recent years at AES prompted SAD44 last winter to propose combining classes in a multi-age format, as part of the FY'99 budget package.

The idea brought strong objections from many Andover parents, some of whom saw the move as another example of declining services at the school.

A petition drive to study possible withdrawal from SAD44 was

\$7.24 million package that carried a 3 percent increase in the overall local share.

The budget included plans for a return to the double-busing system of the 1970s, under which high- and middle-school students are transported to school in separate waves of busses. The move came partly in response to parental concerns about having younger students riding with older ones.

Funding for field trips and instrumental music lessons also returned to the budget, after the programs had fallen by the wayside in budget cuts earlier in the decade.

In other changes during 1998, school administration was consolidated under two principals, one for the district's three elementary schools, the other for the high and middle schools. David Murphy and Ted Davis, respectively, took over those responsibilities, with assistant administrators aiding them at individual schools.

In October, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges renewed the high school's accreditation for 10 years. The school must submit a follow-up report in 2000 addressing recommendations

that were made in conjunction with the approval.

Controversy in Woodstock
A residential school for sexually abuse reactive children, proposed for a site off the Billings Hill Road in Woodstock, brought strong protests from some neighbors who worried their own children might be in danger from the young residents of the school.

The Maine Department of Human Services, which oversees licensing of such facilities, has defined "sexually abuse reactive" children as "so deeply traumatized by sexual abuse they react by acting out the trauma that was perpetrated on them in an aggressive and/or sexual manner."

Western Maine Academy, as the school was named, was proposed to DHS last spring. The school's owners, Armand and Kathleen Madore, have also operated another residential facility in Mexico.

The Woodstock plan called for approximately 12 students, ages 9 to 14, who have been the victims of abuse and neglect.

A similar, but larger, facility had been proposed for the Rangeley area, but was rejected by the governing Land Use Regulation Commission because it did not fit LURC guidelines for land use and did not, in the opinion of commissioners, satisfactorily demonstrate that the safety of the public and the clientele would be protected.

The Madores did have their supporters, in the form of SAD21 (Dixfield) school staff, who said students integrated into that school system from the Mexico facility had not created any problems.

Although the neighbors near the Woodstock site repeatedly appealed to selectmen for help in opposing the issue, the selectmen argued they had no jurisdiction in the matter. Town ordinances do not cover business proposals.

The selectmen did send a letter to DHS noting residents' concerns, and the residents themselves submitted a petition. The facility, however, went into operation for the school year. Vern Maxfield, Woodstock's town manager, said he has received no reports of problems since the school opened.

'The pond freezes over nights and melts the next day. That suits me.' — COLISTA MORGAN

Bethel

by
Virginia Keniston
Arlene G.
Brown and John R. Brown were supper guests of George, Danna, Kate and Evelyn

Nickerson on Christmas Eve.

Kurt and Tammy Brown of Windham, Arlene G. Brown, George and Danna Nickerson, Kate Nickerson and Evelyn Nickerson gathered at the Nickerson home on Christmas Day for lunch and gift exchange.

Chad Dumais of Livermore spent the weekend with George, Danna and Kate Nickerson. On Sunday they all traveled to Livermore and enjoyed lunch with Chad's parents, Chris and Donna Dumais.

The family gathering at Bob and Ginny Keniston's last Saturday for exchange of gifts and meal included Martha and Glenn Bangs of Dresden; Glenn and Julie, Kalynn and Abbie Bangs of South Paris; Deanne and Jeremy Witt of Merrimack, N.H.; Rachel and Ted McKnight, Shelby and Josie of Jericho, Vt.; David and Jodi Keniston, Heather and Heath of Norway; Carole-Anne Bean of Norway; Peter and Stacey, Elise and Sarah Keniston of Turner; Lennie, Becky and Jen Shaw of Bethel.

Mary and Bud Paine spent Christmas with the Dick Paines in Keene, N.H.

Holiday and weekend guests of Hilda and Irving Brown were Kathleen and Larry Baker, son Carl Baker and fiancee and two children of Connecticut; Sukie Deraspe and family of Bangor; Bob and Sue Brown of Berlin, N.H.; Denise Brown of Portland; Dave and Judy Brown of Bethel.

Paul and Sally Bodwell entertained Christmas Eve with family, nearly 50 from the Bethel Alliance Church had a very nice evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Royer on the 18th. Games were played, there was a gift on the tree for everyone and then we had

Barry and Kim of Gorham, N.H., Peter, Emma and Mandy of Naples.

Tim and Lynn Hutchins entertained their family Christmas Day, including Tim's parents, Gertrude and Harlan.

Ruth Silver had hip replacement Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston. She is doing well and will be home soon.

Margaret (Amy) Davis had family over Christmas Day and the weekend including Andy and Pat Davis and family of North Berwick; Michael and Kathryn Davis and family of Norway; Susan and Harvey White and Emily of Lisbon Falls; Jackson and Sylvia White and Andrianna of Lewiston; Betsy and Mark Retallack and family of Beverly, Mass.

Betty and Henry Robertson had family over the Holiday and weekend which included Vickie, Erica and Doug Lamarre and friend Richard of Brunswick; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ramsey of South Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harkins of Brunswick.

Stanley Howe entertained Christmas Day: Randy and Bessie Bennett, Fran Bernier, Mary Wheeler, Jim Lowe, Rodney and Geraldine Howe.

Josie McKnight of the University of Pennsylvania is spending the week with Bob and Ginny Keniston and snowboarding at Mt. Abram.

Recent visitors of Sarah and Randolph Stevens were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lichtenstein and Ryan of South Portland and Carol Sweetser of South Paris.

Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Nearly 50 from the Bethel Alliance Church had a very nice evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Royer on the 18th. Games were played, there was a gift on the tree for everyone and then we had

refreshments. The family cat also came to the party and seemed to have a nice time with all the attention it got. Thank you very much, Rudy and JoAnn -- it was such a lovely evening.

Pat Blake picked me up and we went to her house to wait for Donna Lowe and her friend so they could follow us to Royers, as they did not know where to go.

At Pat Blake's house the dog met me at the door and said she needed lots of loving.

Jane Young brought me a gift from the Methodist Church in the p.m. and stopped to visit a short while.

Eva Lane was taken to the Rumford Community Hospital on Thursday evening. She had returned home from the hospital after she had broken her hip on Sept. 30. She was in Stephens Memorial Hospital for a while that time before going to the nursing home.

Some from the Bethel House attended the Christmas Cantata at the Locke Mills Union Church the evening of Dec. 19.

Allen Russell, son of Tom and Gayle Russell of Bryant Pond and grandson of Irene Russell of the Bethel House, was home over the holidays. He is in the Navy.

Nancy and Sonny Cummings took me to Dr. Porter for my yearly eye check-up on Thursday. I am getting new glasses. The eye pressure was great.

Rodney and Kathleen Hanscom hosted a Christmas party at their home on 85 Intervale Road on Sunday, Dec. 20. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hanscom; Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hanscom; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom, Jay, Adam, Eric and Kelsie; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bragdon and Matthew; Keith Wally; and myself. A lovely potluck dinner was enjoyed and there was a tree with exchange of gifts. Then there was lots of visiting.

Rodney and Kathleen Hanscom

I sure had a great time.

Sonny and Nancy Cummings had an early Christmas party at their house on Dec. 20. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Jordan, Abbie and Michaela and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker, Darcie and Darren.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Webster entertained at an early Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 22, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kjellman, Larsen, Lillian and Cecelia and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Hanscom were also present at the party at Rodney's and Kathy's. Also Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, Emma and Megan.

"May the One who guides the lilies, and guides the sparrows' fall/Always love and protect you and keep you safe through all."

Andover

by Tina Farrington

The Calvary Congregational Church will hold its traditional New Year's Eve service on

Thursday, Dec. 31, beginning at 7 p.m. This service is held in a double session format with the first session from 7 to 10 p.m., with singing, testimonies, devotional, and prayer time followed by soups and chowders at 10 p.m. Those who desire can stay and see the New Year in with the "late nighters" with another session of singing, maybe a video, and praying in the New Year. Everyone welcome.

Frani and Paul Nevell would like to thank all who sent cards and made visits during Paul's 18-day hospital stay. Your encouragement was greatly appreciated. They would also like to thank the Calvary Congregational Church for the Christmas plate full of goodies. This was greatly appreciated, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Swain entertained last week their three sons, Robert J. of Lexington, Ky.; Rodney of Jericho, Vt.; and Ross of Farmington; their wives Kay, Kim and Leigh and grandchildren, Court-

ney, Lucie, Gregory, Matthew and Jennifer. Also a friend, Kristan Robins of Richmond, Vt.

School will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

Happy New Year everyone.

Mason Township

by Richard Grover

When you have animals, you are often in for surprising little adventures. I have written about our geese, which provided a lot of entertainment, as well as frustration, with their habit of "decorating" the front steps and other areas around the house. We wrote the last chapter for those geese last fall, as they have been relegated to a cold spot in the freezer. One of them provided us a nice Christmas goose (dinner) a couple weeks ago. We invited Rupert and Ina, Verna and Dewey, and Peg and Joe Perham to join us, as most of them had never had a goose before. I was surprised to learn that there is no white meat on a white goose; it is all dark and very tasty, once you remove the skin and fat. Plus, Mona and I had goose sandwiches and stew for days.

Now, we have another critter who provides entertainment, and, eventually a meal or two, we hope. He is Goober, a bull calf born last May. (Mona picked the name.) I was entertained for much of the summer with cutting fence posts, plowing and seeing a pasture, building fences and a hay storage lean-to with brother Rupert's help. Goober stayed outside all fall due to the mild weather and survived hunting season unscathed. I brought him into the barn about three weeks ago. Since being under cover, Goober has suffered a series of misadventures. First, Leslie Thurlow came up a couple weeks ago and castrated him, which pretty much ruined his (Goober's) whole day. For days after that, Goober would not let me get behind him to clean out his pen.

A few days later, I neglected to secure the gate to Goober's pen after I cleaned it out one evening; he got into the barn and ate all the straw. When Goober struggled to his feet, I noticed that he had broken off one of his three-inch horns, leaving a bloody stub. He was a pitiful sight, with blood running all down one side of his face, one good horn and the other hanging by a bloody thread. Some days it just doesn't pay to try to do a good deed.

loose and apparently wandered around the barn all night. I keep the chicken laying pellets and scratch feed, as well as Goober's grain in plastic five-gallon drywall joint compound pails with the covers open to keep the mice and squirrels out of the grain. Lucky for me, the chicken grain was almost gone, because Goober finished off all the pellets and scratch feed and about half a pail of cow grain. I had to give the hens cow grain one day, until Mona could get to Western Maine Supply to get replacement feed. I fully expected Goober to start laying eggs and the hens to begin giving milk after the mix-up, but nothing yet.

Finally, last Friday, I tried out a new halter on Goober, as he outgrew his old one. It's a bright red nylon job with shiny brass rings. The new one turned out to be much too big, and didn't fit well at all. This didn't set well with Goober when I put it on him and led him outside, heading for the pasture and a couple hours of warm sunshine and exercise. As we exited the barn door, he rolled his eyes, twisted his neck, put his head down and turned a half somersault as I held onto the halter rope. Well, with the cold weather we've had, the ground was frozen hard as a rock. When Goober struggled to his feet, I noticed that he had broken off one of his three-inch horns, leaving a bloody stub. He was a pitiful sight, with blood running all down one side of his face, one good horn and the other hanging by a bloody thread. Some days it just doesn't pay to try to do a good deed.

South Woodstock

by Andrea Wing

I've been real involved watching the impeachment news. It's been very disturbing. I feel very sad about it all and hope it ends very soon. I believe President Clinton has been doing a good job and this country is better off than it has been in years.

Amy, Dan and baby Logan Bru are home for Christmas from Mobile, Ala. JoAnne Poland is also home from Alabama for the holidays with her parents, Phelps and Joan Poland.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Bobby Gammon, who died recently from a fall at work.

Jessie Hart has passed her driver's test and is now able to drive around. She got her license the first time. Good work, Jess.

I do not send Christmas cards out any more. I give a donation to the animal shelter instead.

Anyone who has had a Christmas or another get-together, give me a call and I'll be glad to put it in the paper (Tel: 674-2102).

Patty Poland has a new car. Terry and Phil Merrill are sporting a new auto. My turn is coming soon.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that you should hang up if someone puts you on hold to take a 'call waiting.'

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Sunday River Valley

by
Rockie Graham
Most of the holidays have gone, leaving only New Year's Eve to go. I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy holiday season so far.

I, for one, am looking forward to the Bethel area's first New Year's celebration. I was at the first New Year's Portland celebration, and I plan on being at the first one here. I hope to see all there. I'm sure there'll be bugs to work out for next year, but it has to start somewhere. I appreciate all the work that people have put into it.

Christmas was a high-travel day for us. We went to Manchester, N.H., and to Massachusetts, to what I call the "W" towns. That's because I can never remember which town beginning with W is which, and we often go to several of them. The weather was great, though. I was amazed at the difference between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving night we came home through Franconia Notch in six inches of blowing, unplowed snow. Christmas night there was no snow, even the ground through the Notch was all but bare. What a difference a month makes.

However, by the time you read this, we may have had our first real snowstorm of the season. I got the last of the Brussels sprouts out of the garden, just in case. Actually, it was high time I picked them, anyway.

Reports are that John Nowlin is not doing well, and I offer him my best. I hope my reports are wrong. I cannot say where they came from, because I honestly cannot remember from whom they came. But feel better, John. We are all rooting for you.

There's not much more for this week. It is 6:30 a.m. and I have to go to school shortly and finish my syllabi so that they will be ready for classes in January. No rest for the weary, as they say.

Have a great New Year's.

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NOW IT'S THEIR TURN—Weather suitable for cross-country skiers arrived Tuesday night. Here, a family heads across the Bethel Common Wednesday morning.

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Greenwood City

by
Colista Morgan
The grandeur of
shadows and the
dark bales of
hemlock combined
with colors of details
of bark, bud and seed pods, make
the mid-winter forest a place of awe
and discovery.

Trees are not as lifeless as they
look on a winter day, and their
living buds make colorful jewelry
along the twigs. Each bud is packed
with living contents to prepare the
tree with its future foliage.

Have you ever looked for the little
faces just below the winter bud and
within the scar left by last year's
leaf? Botanists call them "bundle
scars." These bundles form the faces
because they suggest eyes, nose and
mouth. I brought some home and
looked at them under a magnifying
glass. The face of the elderberry
bush was the most prominent.

Somebody has said that the differ-
ence between people and animals
is a sense of humor. Probably that's
why a squirrel nosing among the
tree buds never gets a laugh from all
the droll little faces sketched just be-
low the buds.

All along my walk I discovered
little mirror ponds by many turns.
They were winter ice pockets caused
by the warm weather, and held there
when the temperature dropped. They
were as blue as the sky in the
sunshine. With a little drifting snow
they'll vanish.

I saw a hemlock hill covered with
ice gems and spangles. I pictured
them winking with starlight and
shining with moonbeams on a lovely
night.

I noticed the fragrance that came
with the wind. Nature always has
something rare to bring to us. This
wind had rubbed against the fresh,
briny waves of the ocean, then distil-
led through the forests threading
rich ferny gulches, up the foothills,
and into my piney woods, gathering
incense all the way.

The clouds were lovely, but
whoever reports the works and ways
of the clouds coming into sight each
day? They are wondrous creations
like freshly heaved mountains.

"The pathway is crunchy beneath
your feet/As you wander beneath
again/From the winter woodland
beauty/Down the narrow secluded
lane."

Rena Curtis was in Lewiston on
Thursday.

Arne Jarvenpaas of South Paris
was here in town one day last week.

It was nice to see him.

My sister, Lucy, is gaining from

her heart surgery but is still at the
hospital in Portland.

We were visited by the carolers on
Sunday. They sang several of the
Christmas songs, which we enjoyed.
It was nice to see so many out.

Upton

by
Eleanor LeComte

As the year 1998
ends, many good
things are
brought to mind.
First, I wish to
commend the

generosity of the donors to the Bell
Tower Fund of the Upton Union
Church. When the condition of the
bell tower was reported to the
friends of the Upton Church in July,
we were sorely disappointed be-
cause we had just expended our
bank account to paint the church.

I mentioned it in this column and
found the wonderful stuff people are
made of. We heard from all over the
country and locally. The goodness and
generosity blossomed within
one week. We continue to receive
donations and will be able to start
work in the spring. Christmas usually
sparks the goodness in people, but
this began long before Christmas.
Some of the people could ill afford
to donate, but did from their heart
for the Upton Union Church.

The year in review has been very
good. Like all years, there is some
sadness and some joy. The people of
Upton have mostly prospered this
year whether it be "job wise" with
the pipeline project or other
endeavors. Life is always not good
news and some had some sadness in
their life. A unanimous response to
the year is that we have a soft spot
in our hearts for the town of Upton.
It is a diamond in the rough, to say
the least, and we wouldn't live any-
where else.

A good way to start the new year
is with a new baby, and Paul and
Jennifer Casey became parents for
the second time. Their little girl's
name is Caitlin Francis. She
weighed 5 pounds and 6 ounces at
birth.

Bob and Donna held a small
Christmas gathering at their new
home on the lake on Sunday, Dec.
20. Donna has been known for many
years for her unique Christmas tree,
which is huge. All the decorations
are handmade dating back to the
'70s when we held ornament parties.
A delicious buffet was served to her
guests. On departing, each guest was
presented with a memento ornament.

Leslie and Andy Aron hosted a
Christmas party at their home for

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the Praise Assembly of God Church. All guests brought something good to eat and Leslie provided her usual magic with the dessert. Twenty people were in attendance and a Chinese auction was held. All had a lot of fun. During the festivities there was a knock on the door. After answering, Andy presented a gift to Leslie, which was postmarked from the North Pole. It was well wrapped by Santa for the long journey. It took a half hour to open it, but to know its content you'll have to see Leslie. She will give you the scoop.

Christmas family gatherings were held all over town, but many traveled to visit grandchildren.

Theresa Stanczyk will be leaving this week for her new Navy assignment in Okinawa. She will be away for two years and we will miss her.

A wind storm on Dec. 22 felled trees on most roads, losing power twice for about four hours as temperatures plummeted. A large spruce fell in Richard LeComte's yard damaging his pontoon boat. Roger Lavallee and his team cleaned up the mess in no time flat. We are grateful that it picked the boat and not the house to fall on. That was the best Christmas present we received this year.

The School Board meeting was held Monday, Dec. 21. Warrants were signed and school enrollments were discussed.

The year in review has been a good one. We wish you all a happy and healthy 1999.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

The John Howe Christmas party was held at Anella Burnham's with 33 present.

A potluck supper was held and a good time was had by all. John Howe was the oldest and Jeff Howe's son, at seven months, was the youngest.

Guests at the Ken Hoyt's this weekend were Bob Hoyt and dog Sadie, Joseph and Maggie Hoyt. Christmas was held Saturday for

Joseph and Maggie. Those present were Jim, Joseph and Maggie Hoyt, Laurette and Kellie Sanborn, Bob Hoyt, Marybeth Hoover, Beatrice Farnum, Ken and Alice Hoyt.

A very good Christmas program was held at the Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Glenn Brooks.

Kenneth and Alice Hoyt went to Edgecomb on Tuesday to a little program and refreshments at Joseph and Maggie Hoyt's school. It was very nice.

The Historical Society has received some glass and two pictorial histories, Mary Billings has put copies of the "Bethel Courier" in a notebook to place in Woodstock Historical Society Museum. The Bethel Historical Society's newsletter is something many of their members like to look at. The Woodstock Historical Society's museum has exceptional exhibits. Few other museums can claim similar assets. Their scope and variety are outstanding. You may enjoy the museum at meetings this winter or Saturdays during the summer.

Happy New Year to each and everyone.

Service Notes

LANCE CPL. JOHN ROBERTS

Marine Lance Cpl. John Roberts, son of Glencie Estes of West Paris, recently participated in Operation Desert Fox.

Roberts is assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans embarked aboard the ships of the USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

AIRMAN ANDREW HAWKES

Air Force airman Andrew Hawkes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Hawkes, a 1998 graduate of Telstar High School, is the son of David Hawkes of Andover.

WALTER DRAKUS

Walter Drakus has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. He will report to Fort Knox, Ky., in January for basic training.

Drakus is the son of Patricia and Walter Drakus of Andover.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF JAN. 4

SAD44 Middle/High Breakfast Program

Assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice, milk variety, plain bagel, cream cheese, breakfast pizza w/ham and egg, apple turnover, pastry bites, honey bun, donut, chocolate donut, french toast sticks, dates, p/butter, fresh apples, syrup.

SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, hot veggie bar, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Tuesday: Turkey, h/b bun, cheese slice, garden peas, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

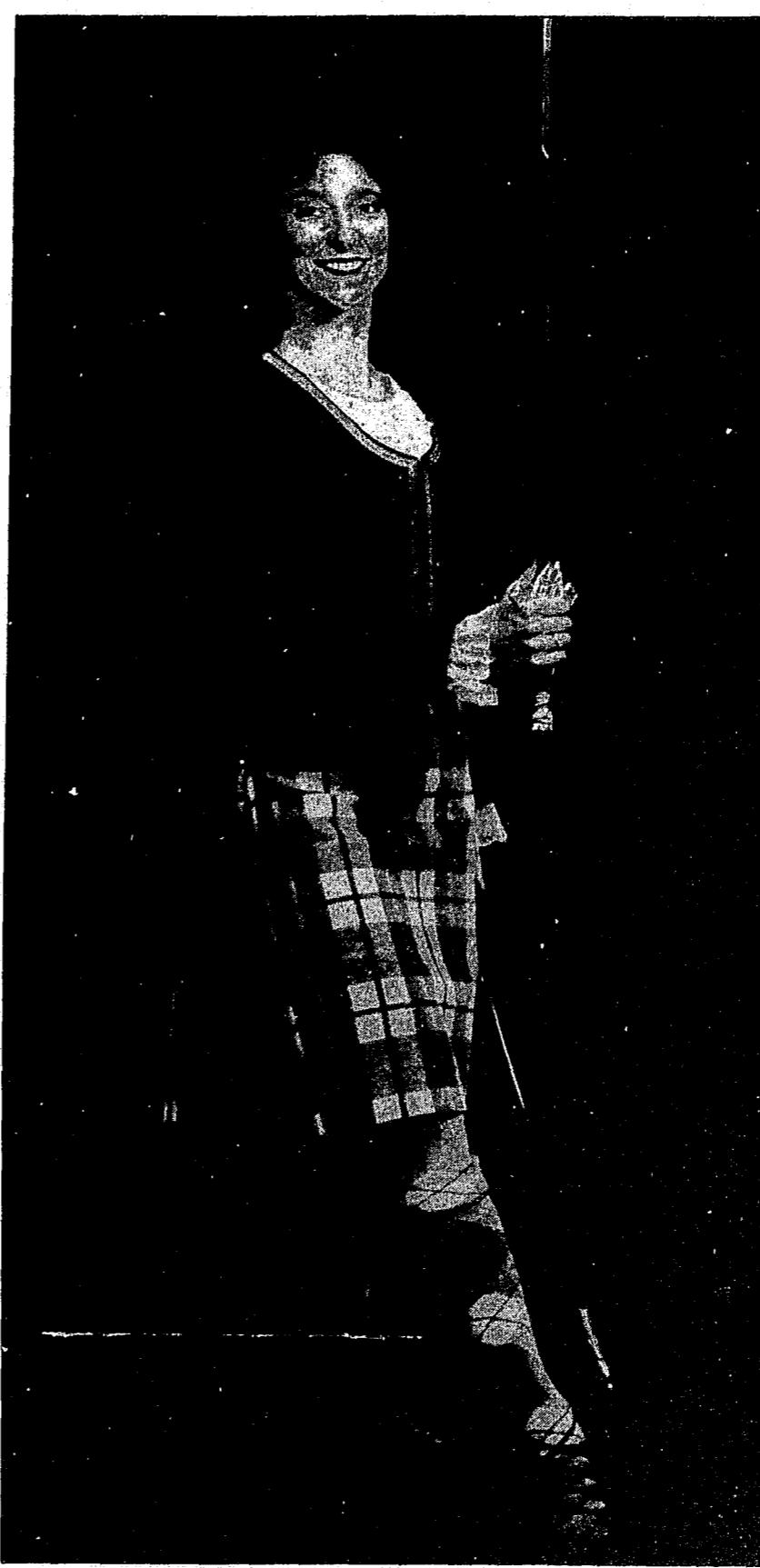
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Thursday: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, cheese slice, green beans, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Friday: Pizza stix, sliced carrots, potato chips, shape-ups, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

SAD44 Elementary School Breakfast

Monday-Friday: Assorted cereals, assorted fruit juices, 1 percent milk, toast/jelly cup/p/butter (Mon.) scrambled eggs/ham (Tues.), donut (Wed.).



LAURA SCOTT OF HIGHLAND SOLES
Laura Scott and Ed Pearlman of Highland Soles will perform at New Year's Bethel at Bingham Auditorium at 8:15 and 10:45 p.m. She will dance the light and quick-footed Highland steps, and adds old-style folk steps as well. Rounding out her repertoire are the hard-shoe and rhythm-centered Scottish dances with a driving beat and unique syncopation with the music. Pearlman is Highland Sole's musical director. He plays Scottish fiddle with feeling and mastery rarely heard this side of the Atlantic. New Year's Bethel events will begin at 6 p.m. and continue at four locations throughout the evening (see schedule, page 1), and conclude with fireworks at midnight. Special buttons will enable the wearer to gain admission to all events.

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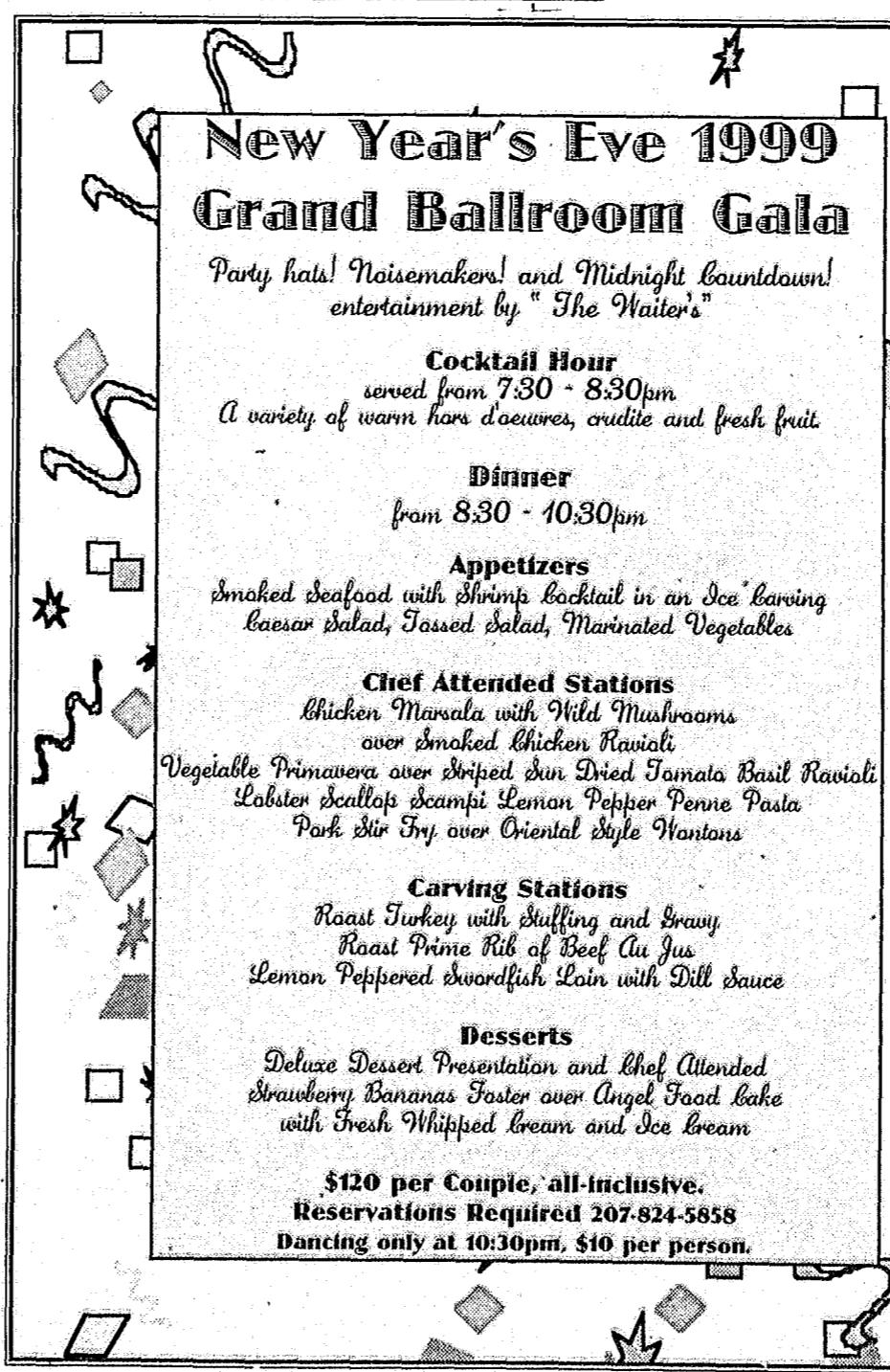
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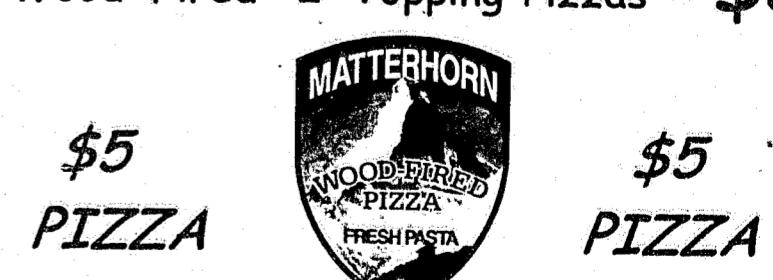
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Community Calendar

Activities

Thursdays, Jan. 7 thru Feb. 25 (except Thurs. Feb. 18)--Sunday River Trial Series -- 5K freestyle race at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center, Newry. Start time: self start from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Charge: \$7 per race or \$42 for series of seven races. For more information, call 824-2410.

The Computer Lab at the Learning Center open to adults during center hours and additional evenings. Learning Center volunteer Frank Gibson III will assist in lab Monday mornings. The lab will also be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for adult use. Additional hours will be scheduled on weekly basis. No charge for lab use, but all users must complete a District Acceptable Use Policy and provide their own floppy disk.

Mondays and Wednesdays--Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program available at Bethel Family Health Center. For information call 743-7580.

Public Supper first Saturday of each month 5:30 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Thru Jan. 1--Canned food drive to benefit Bethel Food Pantry. Items may be dropped off at Viewer's Choice Video, corner Cross Street and Route 26, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Receive 25-cent coupon for rental of movie or game with donations.

Thursday, Dec. 31--New Year's Eve Party at American Legion Post 68, Locke Mills. \$15 per person. Buffet at 7 p.m., dancing at 8:30 p.m. Party favors. Public welcome.

New Year's Eve Dance, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at Locke Mills Town Hall, sponsored by the Greenwood Historical Society, with music by the Felt Band. Buffet lunch. Donation: \$7.50 each.

New Year's Bethel, sponsored by Bethel Historical Society -- lighted vehicle parade starting from Bethel Family Health Center parking lot at 6 p.m.; bonfire, music, storytelling, dance (at four locations) followed by fireworks at midnight, sponsored by the Bethel Inn. For more information, call 824-2908.

Friday, Jan. 1, Hymn Sing at Pinhook Meeting House.

New Year's Potluck Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Finnish-American Heritage Society Center, West Paris. A tin melt and fortune telling part of program. Entertaining ideas and guests invited.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m.--Bean and Casserole Supper at Bethel United Methodist Church. Adults, \$5; under 12, \$2.50.

Waldo & Woodhead Show, 7 p.m., sponsored by The Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Hotel. Juggling feats by Waldo and musical accompaniment by Woodhead. Tickets: \$3 for 12 and under and \$5 for adults in advance or \$5 and \$7 at door. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at South Ridge Lodging Check-in, the Snow Cap Inn and the Grand Summit Hotel front desk, or at Books-N-Things of Bethel. For more information, call 824-3575.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.--Windy Valley Snowmobile Club will host Chris Moretto of Medcare at its regular meeting at the Newry Town Office. Discussion of search and rescue techniques as they relate to snowmobilers.

Saturday, Jan. 9, noon to 1 p.m.--Maine Handicapped Skiing Kick-off meeting at MHS Center on Sundance slope at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lunch, view new MHS program video, and see some students in action. Team captains should drop off team registration form and pick up lift ticket at Sunday River's Summit Hotel between 8 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 824-2440 or e-mail (info@skimhs.org).

Public Supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark (snow date, Jan. 16). Proceeds to benefit Denmark Arts Center. Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50. Nature Talk and Slide Show at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Snow date: Jan. 16). Free admission, donations accepted. For information call (207) 452-2412.

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co., Inflatable Comedy, 7 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, sponsored by Sunday River's Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: \$3 for kids 12 and under and \$5 for adults in advance or \$5 and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 824-3575.

Jan. 9-10--Bethel Winter Fest. Fun cross-country ski events at three centers, learn to ski and snowboard at Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram Telemark Ski Fest, sleigh rides, dog sled rides, skijoring demonstrations and rides, food festival, antique snowmobile ride-in and parade, 110-foot snowman, ice skating, film festival, open houses and sales at area shops and more. For more information, call 824-2282.

Sunday, Jan. 17, Bethel Animal Hospital Open House. Public welcome.

Friday, Jan. 29, 1 to 6 p.m.--American Red Cross blood drive at South Ridge of Sunday River. Contact Callie Phillip at 824-5381 for further information.

Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services--Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. -- 1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through June). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.



Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Geraldine MacNeil, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union--9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohr's on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of month. 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends--a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends, (Quakers) -- Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome, First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Services first and third Sundays each month, 9 a.m., beginning Oct. 4.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish--Rev. Janice Wilcox; Nov. thru March and May, July and Sept., worship at North Waterford Congregational Church, 10 a.m., with Church School at 9:15 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. at the East Stoneham church in April, June, Aug. and Oct.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, Year-round 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-- Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:15 with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas, Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)--Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

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Gateway Apostolic Church--Sunday School and worship, Sunday at 2 p.m., Royalty Inn, 130 Main St. Home group meetings, Tues. 6:30 p.m. Pastor Rodney Brown (an Independent Pentecostal Assembly), 1-800-450-7298 ext. 6062.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocca in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Telstar High School.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescents Network (GRAMI-CAN). Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn,

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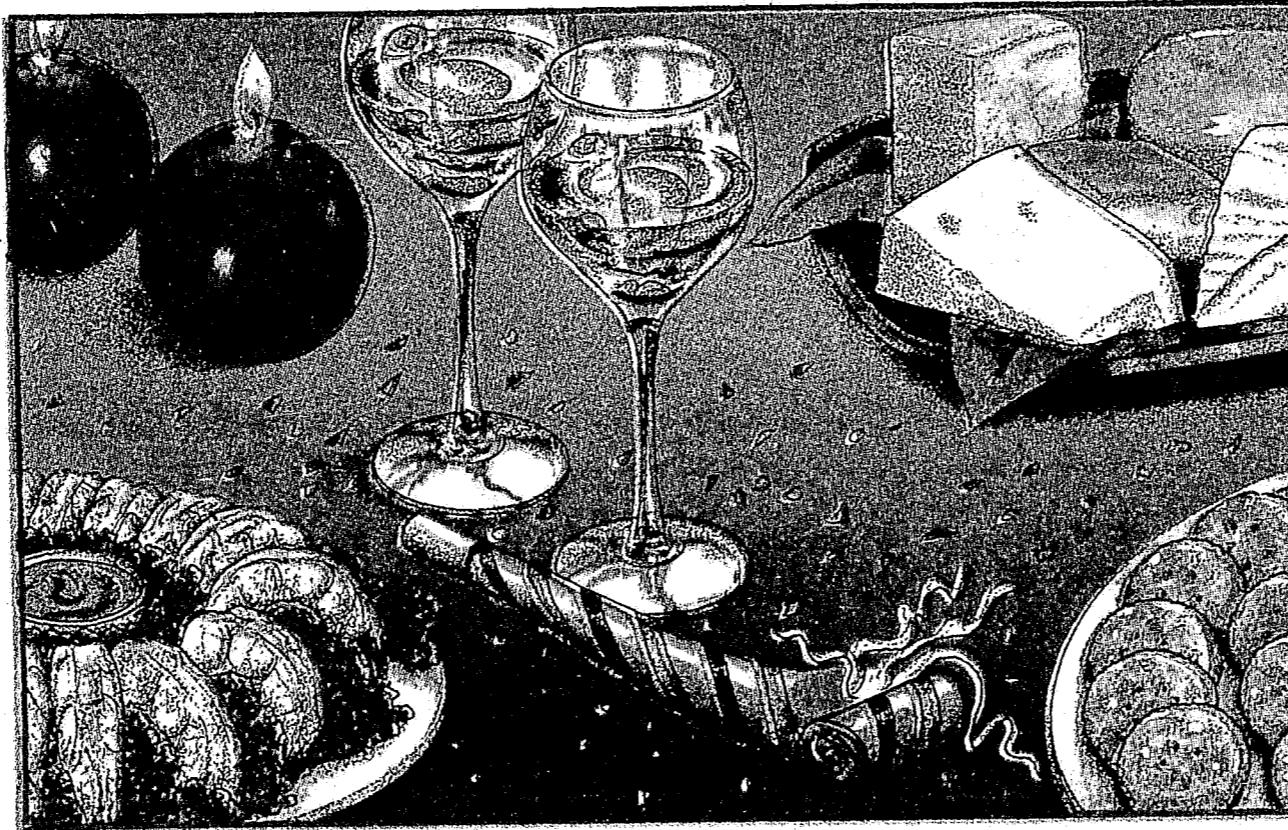
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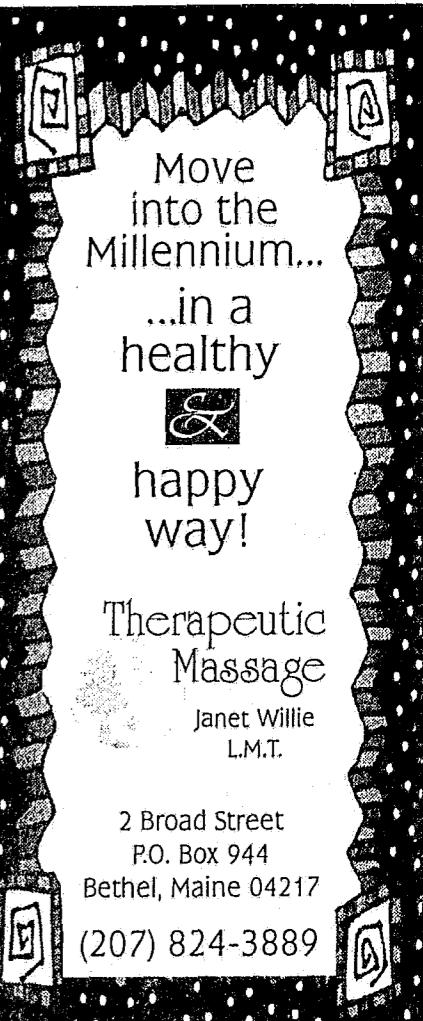
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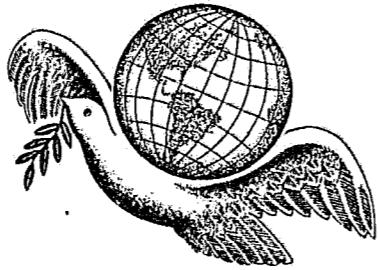
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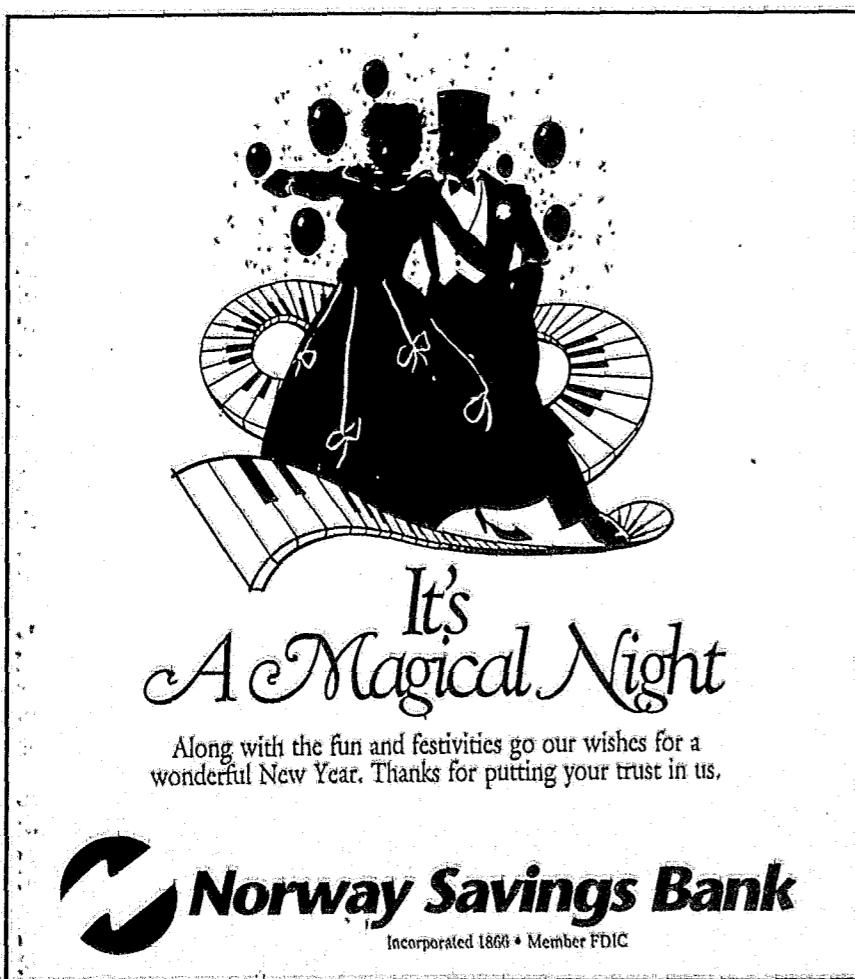
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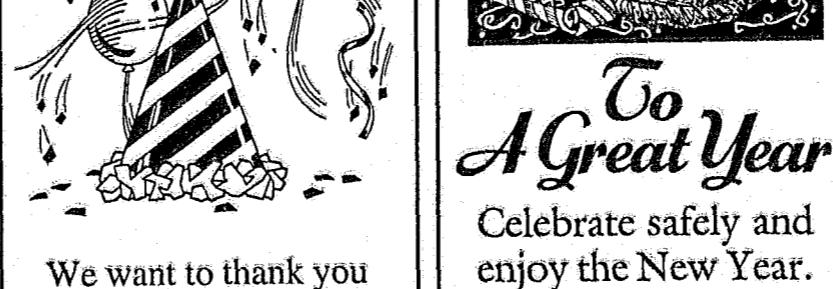
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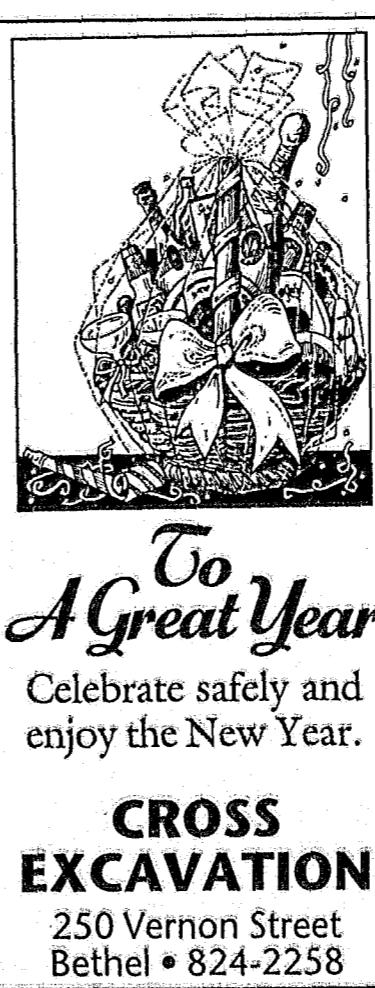
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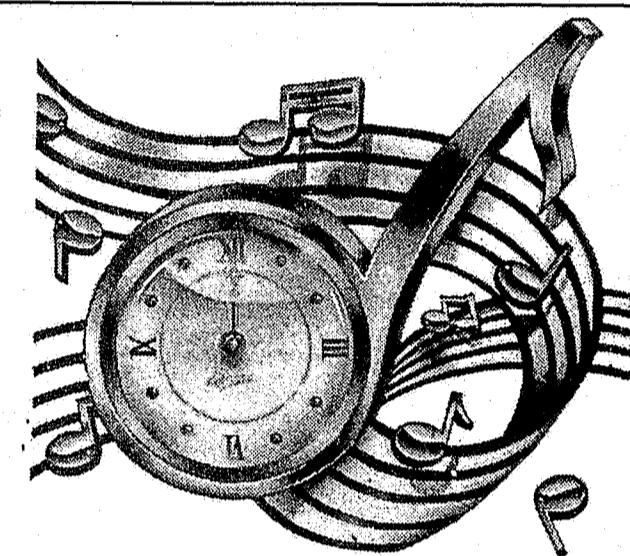
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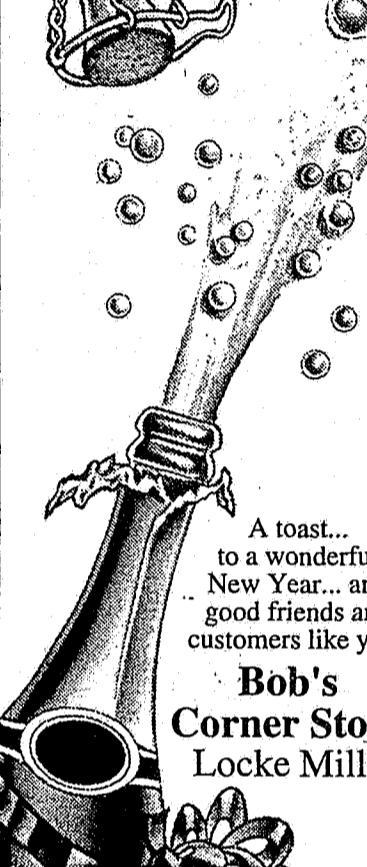
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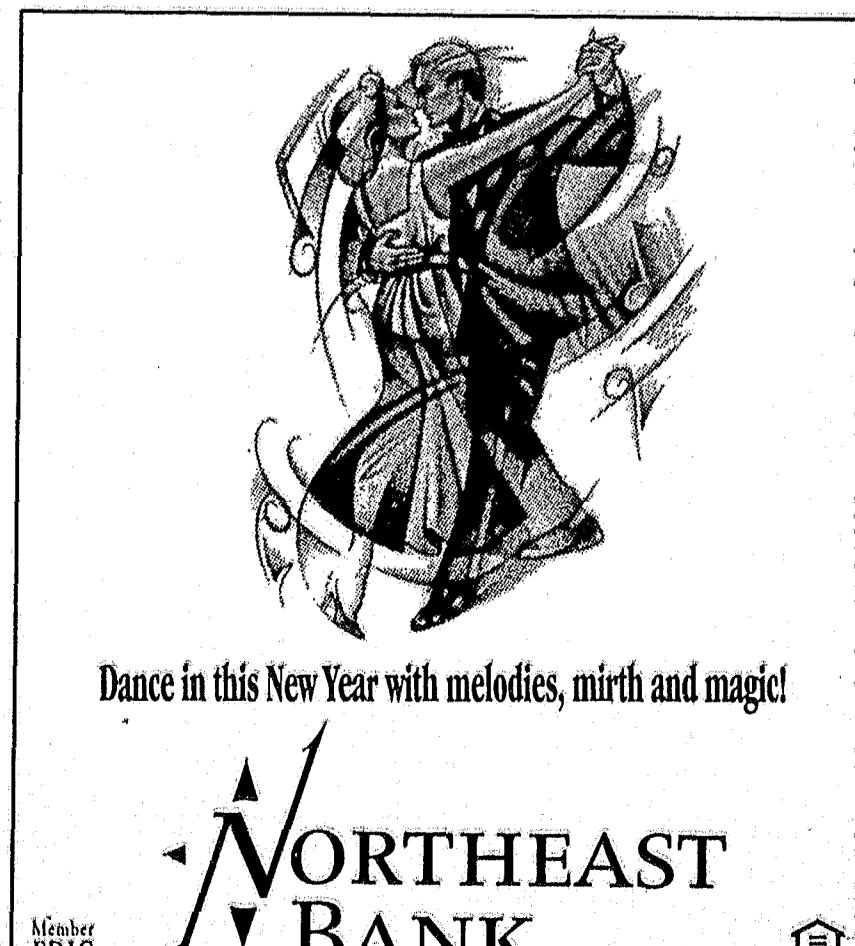
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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 31, 1998

7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	Mad	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Dallas Stars				Cheers		
(32) Funny	Addams	Life Cam	Life Cam: World's Greatest Magic			700 Club			
(6) Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Veronica's ER	News			
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Vengeance Unlimited	Movie: "Naked Gun 3 1/2: The Final Insult"			News			
(10) News-Lehrer		Live From Lincoln Center		Jonathan Creek	Dad's Army	Red Green			
(22) College Football: Peach Bowl		College Football: Independence Bowl - Mississippi vs. Texas Tech							
(34) Waltons		Alabama: For the Record			New Year's Live-Gaither				
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	Diagnosis Murder		News			
(41) Snow Show	Ski & Board	Junior Hockey: World Championship -- Canada vs. United States		Rinkside	SnowAdvs				
(15) Mouse Hunt	Inside the NFL		Movie: "The First Wives Club"	You've Got	Movie: "The Full Monty"				
(17) Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party			Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party						
(18) Movie: "Mad City" Cont'd		Movie: "Saturday Night Fever"		Movie: "Firestorm"		Emmanuel			
(20) College Basketball	Ultimate	Figure Skating: Grand Slam		FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News				
(44) Movie: "Saved by the Light"		Movie: "Vanished"			Attitudes	Golden			
(5) Roseanne	Roseanne	Movie: "Dumb & Dumber"			"National Lampoon's Animal House"				
(24) Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Thimberrys Skeeter	Kablam!	Hey Arnold! Thimberrys	Skeeter	Charlie-Yr			
(25) "Orchestra Wives"		Movie: "River of No Return"		Movie: "Moon Over Miami"		Burt Bacharach			
(26) Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: "My Husband's Secret Life"			Movie: "The Con"				
(27) Law & Order		Biography		Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order			
(12) Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Wayans Wayans	Harvey	For-Love	News	MacGyver			
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Crossfire-Great	Sports	Moneyline			

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 1999

7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Frasier	Legacy	Love Boat-Next	Mad	Mad	Frasier	Cheers		
(32) BradyBrde	BradyBrde	BradyBrde	BradyBrde	Movie: "The Brady 500"		700 Club			
(6) Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Dateline		Law & Order	ER	News			
(8) College Football: Rose Bowl		College Football: Sugar Bowl -- Ohio State vs. Texas A&M							
(10) News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Brittas	Don't Wait	Goodnight	Great Performances	
(22) Sportsctr.	Cheerleading		Gymnastics: Rock 'n' Roll		River City Dog Show		Sportsctr.		
(34) Dallas		Dallas	Dallas		Dallas		Dallas		
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Candid C.	JAG	Nash Bridges		News		
(41) To Be Announced		To Be Announced			Boxing				
(15) Inside the NFL		Movie: "Soul Food"		Movie: "Bachelor Party"					
(17) Movie: "The Jungle Book"		Movie: "Brothers of the Frontier"	Famous	Growing	Walt Disney Presents				
(18) "Dominick and Eugen"		Movie: "When Justice Fails"		Movie: "The Peacemaker"					
(20) Front Row	Pro Beach Volleyball: Nat'l Champ.	Action	Front Row	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News				
(44) "In a Child's Name"		Movie: "Love, Honor & Obey: The Last Mafia Marriage"							
(5) "Dumb & Dumber"		Movie: "The 'Burbs"		Movie: "National Lampoon's Senior Trip"					
(24) Doug	Rugrats	Kablam!	Animorphs	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay	Laveme	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25) "My Bodyguard" Cont'd		Movie: "Hello, Dolly!"			WENN	Young Sherlock Holmes			
(26) Movie: "Baby Monitor: Sound of Fear"		Movie: "Every Mother's Worst Fear"			"Killers in the House"				
(27) Law & Order		Biography		Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order			
(12) Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: "Captain America"		News		MacGyver			
(39) Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports	Moneyline			

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 1999

7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Legacy	Legacy	Legacy		Star Trek: Voyager			
(32) Return of \$6 Million Man		Bionic Showdown: \$6 Million Man-Bionic Woman		Movie: "The Reluctant Astronaut"					
(6) Edition	Seinfeld	Payback	Pretender	Profilor	News	Sat. Night			
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	College Football: Orange Bowl -- Florida vs. Syracuse			News				
(10) Made In	Dolphin	Anyplace	Doctor Who	Doctor Who	Red Dwarf	Monty Python	Austin City Limits		
(22) Sportsctr.	NFL	Firefighters' Challenge	World Sumo		Fitness	Fitness	Sportscenter		
(34) Week-Country	Opry	Grand Opry	Staller Bros.	Louise Mandrell Shoot	Opry	Grand Opry			
(13) ER	Early Edition	Martial Law	Walker, Texas Ranger		News				
(41) College Basketball	Pro Football	Rinksde	College Hockey: Michigan at Ohio State						
(15) "Beetlejuice" Cont'd		Movie: "Home Alone 3"		Movie: "Fire Down Below"					
(17) Movie: "The Paper Brigade"		Movie: "Brink!"		Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents			
(18) "Vegas Vacation" Cont'd		Movie: "Danger Zone"		Movie: "Speed 2: Cruise Control"		Windows			
(20) NHL Hockey: Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Boston Bruins				FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News				
(44) Victim of Love		Escape From Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story		Inmate Portrait	Oh Baby	Maggie			
(5) WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Fire Birds"		Movie: "Amos & Andrew"					
(24) Hey Arnold!	Beavers	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	Animorphs	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay	Laveme
(25) Soldier		Movie: "The Green Berets"		Beach Boys	Movie: "The Girls on the Beach"				
(26) Tales From the Crypt		Movie: "Pet Sematary Two"		The Net		La Femme Nikita			
(27) Mysteries of the Bible		Biography of the Year		To Be Announced		City Confidential			
(12) Malibu, CA	III. Luckiest	Movie: "Return to Mayberry"		News		Coach	For a Few		
(39) Capital	Sports	World	Business	Larry King Weekend	World	Capital	Sports Tonight		

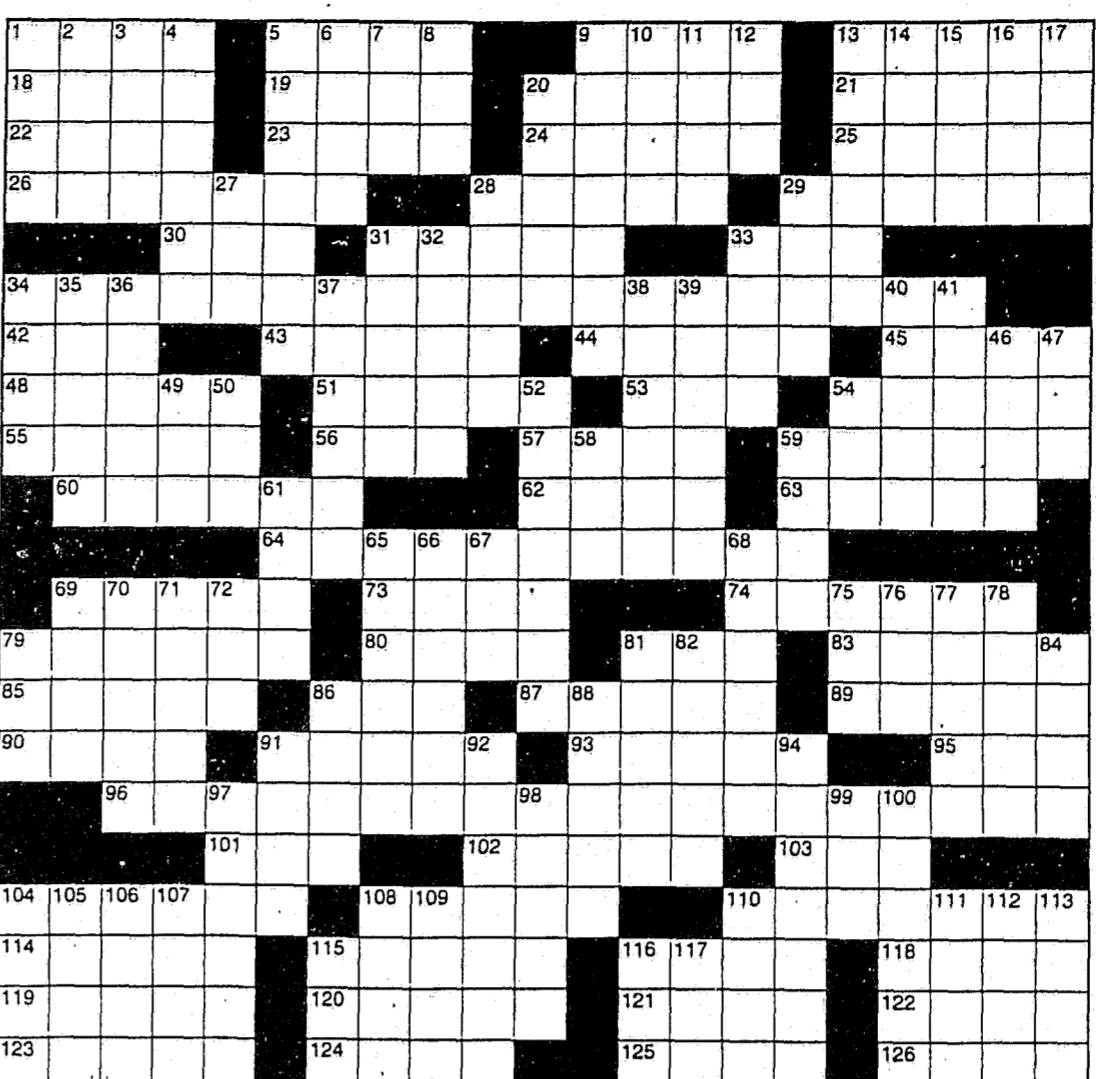
SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 1999

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(3) Wild Things		Frasier	Frasier	Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mad	Viper		
(32) "Spring Fling" Cont'd		Movie: "Innerspace"		Movie: "Columbo: Sirians Bedfellows"					
(6) Dateline		Movie: "Heat"			News	Wild Things			
(8) Movie: "D3: The Mighty Ducks"		20/20		Practice		News	Paid Prog.		
(10) Ballykissangel		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre			Railroads-Vt		
(22) Sportsctr.	NFL	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks					Sportscenter		
(34) Outdoor	Bassmaster	In-Fish	Bill Dance	Mesquite Rodeo	Fishing	Fishin'	ClassicCar	NASCAR	
(13) 60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Sabrina"			News		

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- 29 Skagway's state
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- 34 Part 2 of remark
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- 45 Came to
- 48 Talk big
- 51 Biblical tyrant
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- 54 More delicate
- 55 "Wake Up Little —" ("57 hit")
- 56 Fury
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- 60 Do more than Endeavor
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- 63 Ryan or Tatum
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- 65 Maestro Zubin
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- 101 Shirley, to Warren
- 102 "Psycho" setting
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- 110 End of remark
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- 116 Agana's island
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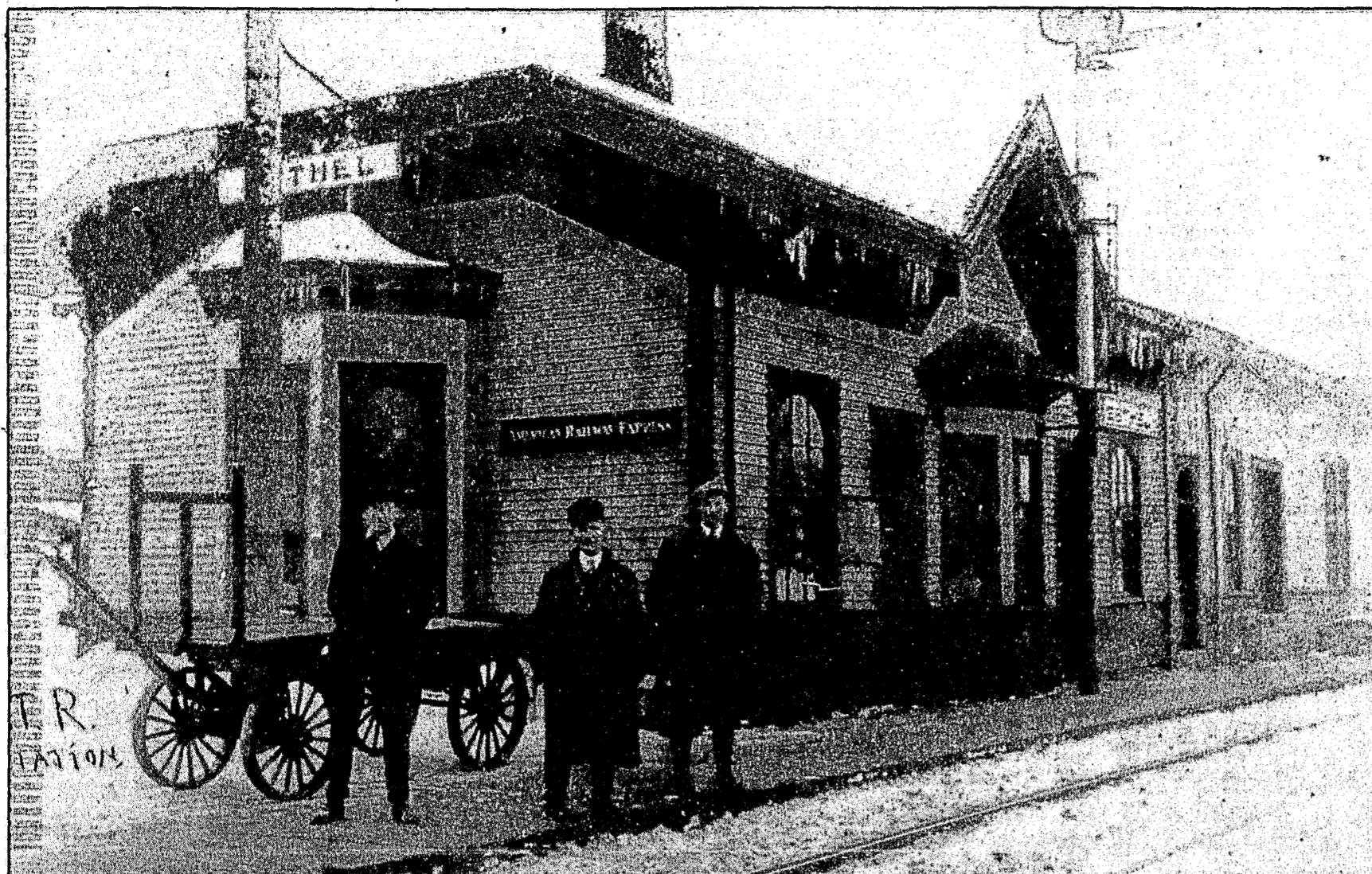
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At 7 p.m., there will be four sites for programs of music, storytelling, and dance. At the Dr. Moses Mason House, there will be Maine humorist Henry Bascomb and Fiddle Box, a Franco-American Soiree. At the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street will be the State Street Traditional Jazz Band featuring New Orleans jazz, and By His Grace, a gospel group. At Crescent Park School, on Crescent Street just up Mason Street from the Dr. Moses Mason House, will be the Good Rockin' Daddies, rock n' roll for kids, and Congo Square, an African drumming group. Finally, at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium will be the Bakara Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble, featuring Mid-Eastern dance, and the Highland Soles and their Scottish music. Each group will perform twice at alternate times, 7, 8:15, 9:30, and 10:45 p.m. At 11:30 p.m., the Bingham House on Broad Street will be open for hot chocolate, coffee and nibbles, just before the fireworks, sponsored by the Bethel Inn at midnight.

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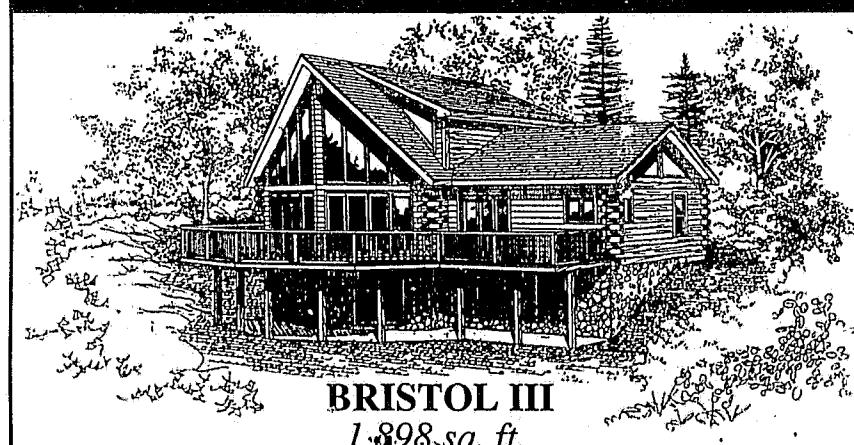
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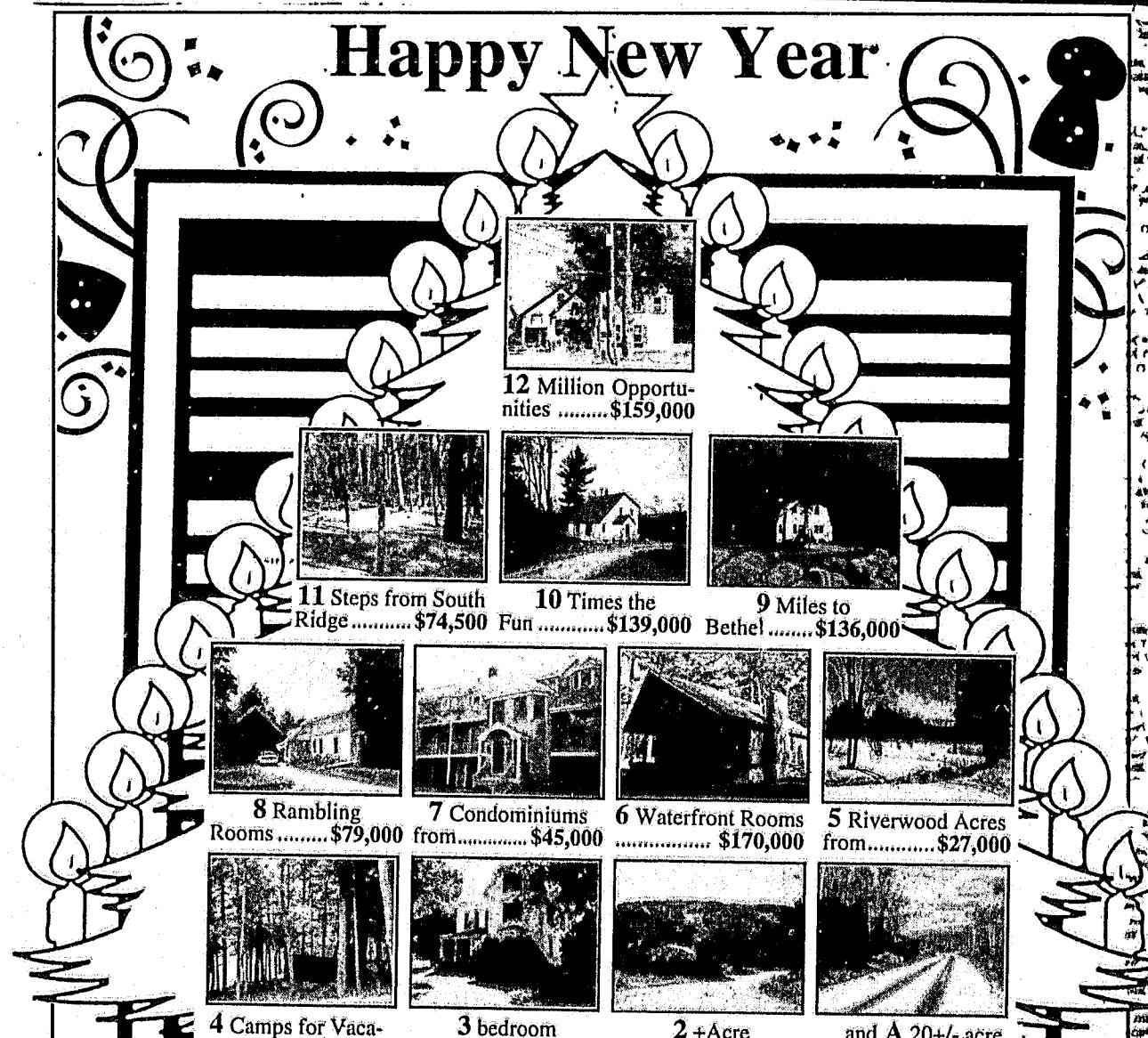
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East Bethel Rd., Bethel: Sit. on 2+/- private acres, this 3 BR modified farm house has had several improvements including insulation/sheetrock, roofing, exterior clapboards and septic system. Large living area boasts INCREDIBLE 4-sided fireplace. Conven. loc., preferred area. \$75,000



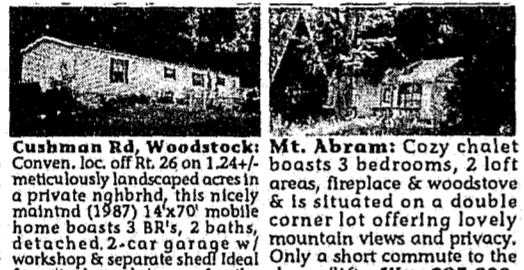
Greenwood: Conveniently located just off Rt. 26 en route to area skiways/Bethel Village, this 6+ bedroom farmhouse with attached shed/barn (formerly housed stagecoach) offers spacious living areas and multi-unit/B&B potential. Now \$99,900 \$79,000



Howe Hill Road, Greenwood: Attractive, spacious and well maintained 3 bedroom home conveniently located on a 1.3+/- acre lot (long road frontage), just off Rt. 26. Only a short commute to Bethel and South Paris areas. Enjoy FHW/BB oil heat, wood stove in family room, outside storage building. This lovely home won't last long and is affordably priced at \$369,000



Mt. Abram, Greenwood: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.5+/- acre lot to slopes/lifts & Rt. 26. Spacious living areas, wrap around deck, large lot with long road frontage. Recreation/family room, basement offers expansion potential. \$79,900-\$69,900



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House Lots & Land

Big Island Shores: 2.8+/- acre lot, on peninsula where Round & South Ponds join. 380'- waterfront, yr. rd access, lovely views. Ideal lot for your primary or vaca. home - only min. to tree skis resorts & Bethel Village. \$95,000

Gore Road, Woodstock: Meadowbank Valley 5.7+/- acre building lots ideal for your dream home! Convenient location, views! \$27,900-\$26,000 each lot.

Wet Bath: Fleming Road, 1+/- acre building lot offers privacy, brook. \$16,500. Now \$11,900

Birch Road, Greenwood: 1/2+/- acre building lot possible Mt. Abram slope views & conveniently loc. to Rt. 26 & the Bethel/So. Paris area. Build your round or vacation dream home! \$19,000

Cross Road, Greenwood: 7+/- acre lot, great building potential, only minutes to Mt. Abram Ski Resort. \$19,900

Greenwood Road, Greenwood: Private 5.7+/- acre building lot on town maintained road, just off Rt. 26, en route to skylays/Bethel. Some pond views. Restrictive covenants. \$19,000

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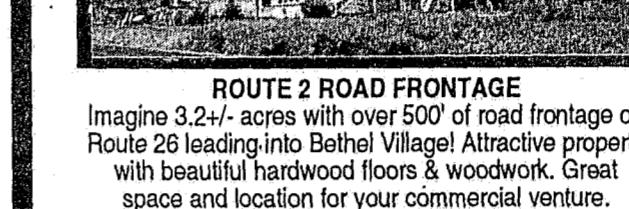
Condominiums

Sunday River - White Cap: 1 bedroom upper level, end unit. Deck, Jacuzzi tub, trall access, slope views, use of facilities! Only \$69,900

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Lake Christopher: Upper level 2 BR/2 bath unit offers spectacular lake/mtn views, woodstove, deck. Enjoy beach area, skylays nearby! Owner use or rent out! \$79,900



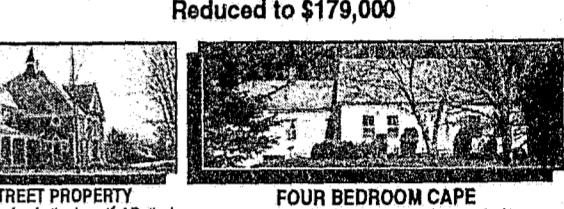
ROUTE 2 ROAD FRONTAGE: Imagine 3.2+/- acres with over 500' of road frontage on Route 26 leading into Bethel Village! Attractive property with beautiful hardwood floors & woodwork. Great space and location for your commercial venture. \$185,000



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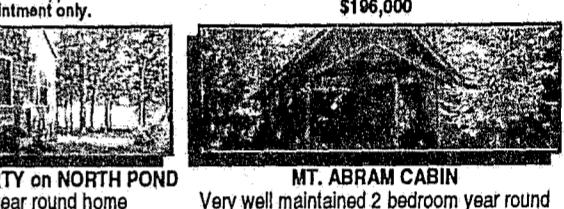
VILLAGE HOME, HANOVER: Comfortable 3 to 4 bedroom home located on RL 2 in the Village of Hanover. An inviting family or low maintenance second home. Relax on the wonderful screened in porch. \$68,500



ATTRACTIVE MAIN STREET PROPERTY: Immaculately maintained Victorian in the heart of Bethel Village. Many orig. features, beautiful woodwork, flooring, 7 BR's. Large wrap-around porch with unlimited possibilities. Lot size is nearly an acre. Manicured landscaping, excellent "curb appeal". Shown by appointment only.



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FOUR BEDROOM CAPE: 1830 Cape attractively situated on 2.4+/- acres just a short distance from the Village. Separate harness shop that has been converted into a rental. Large post & beam barn, garages. \$196,000



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RED HOUSE FARM VILLAGE: A unique condo community at Sunday River Inn. Sites for 26 homes sit around a woodland clearing. Meadow & the mtn peaks of S.R. Skl. Resort. 4 classic N.E. style homes to choose from with a variety of customizing options. Please call for Details.



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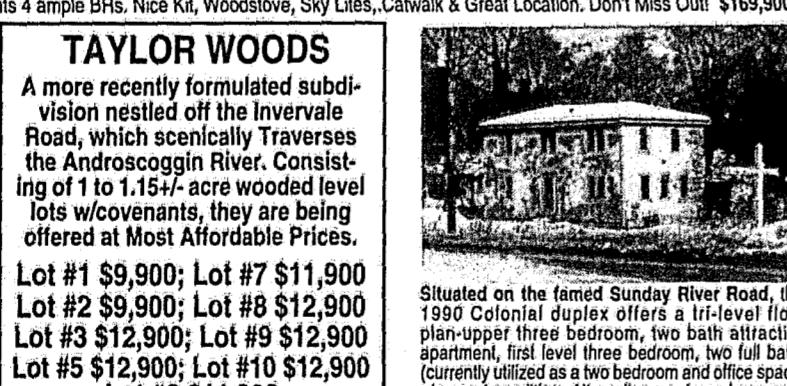
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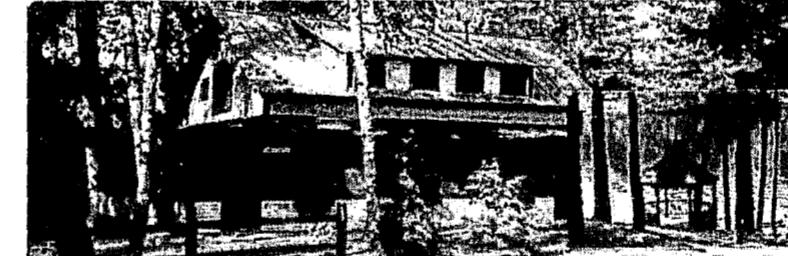


New Listing - Viking Village at S.R. Ski Resort: Encompassed by a Famed & Extensive Network of Prime Walk-to Ski Trails, Mtns., Views & a multitude of Amenities this sought after, upper-end Quaint Village Comm. aptly serves as the back drop for this Charming BOARD & BATTEEN CHALET. Offering a Wonderful Great Room, drenched with soothng Pickled Pine Ceiling & Walls w/a sunny series of Trapezoid Windows & 2 side-by-side Sliding Glass Doors, it features Abundant Sleep Capacity thruout its 4 ample BRs. Nice Kit, Woodstove, Sky Lites, Catwalk & Great Locational. Don't Miss Out! \$169,900



TAYLOR WOODS: A more recently formulated subdivision nestled off the Invervale Road, which scenically Traverses the Androscoggin River. Consisting of 1 to 1.15+/- acre wooded level lots w/covenants, they are being offered at Most Affordable Prices.

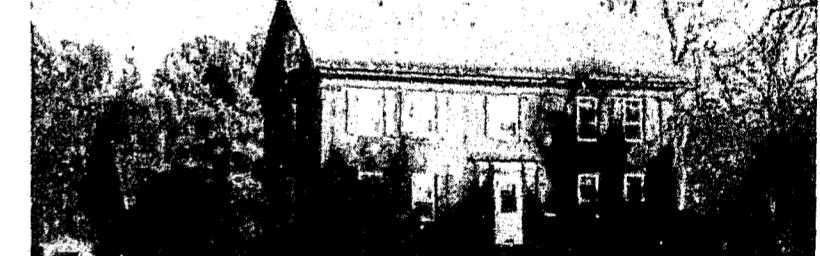
Lot #1 \$9,900; Lot #7 \$11,900
Lot #2 \$9,900; Lot #8 \$12,900
Lot #3 \$12,900; Lot #9 \$12,900
Lot #5 \$12,900; Lot #10 \$12,900
Lot #6 \$11,900



Price Reduced - Big Island Shores: A Fairytale Setting of deep waters embracing a captivating vintage home. Feel the magic of "Blake's Lodge" located upon 2.75+/- of waterfront. Among its countless assets: a country kitchen w/modern conveniences, a fir paneled, vaulted LR w/exposed beam ceilings, FP, hardwood floors, Birch-In-Fly staircase leading to a handsome 2nd story balcony, master suite furnishings, glorious wrap-around porch, romantic lakeside gazebo... all adding to its early 20th century hunting lodge-like ambience on a 1.5+/- acre flowering lot with southwestern exposure! \$916,900; \$290,000



Sunday River Village: Snugged under a blanket of aromatic pines & fir, find this adorable veranda bldg. on a speculatively open & sunny green lawn. 1.64+/- acre, potential subdividable acres whos4+/- of exterior frontage on Broad St., Paradise Rd. & the Bethel Inn's Fairway Townhouse Dr., & bordered by a mixture of majestic pines. This elegant 1980 dwelling is mint. Large entry room, den with Russian fireplace, living room, deck, 4 BRs, 3 baths. \$174,900

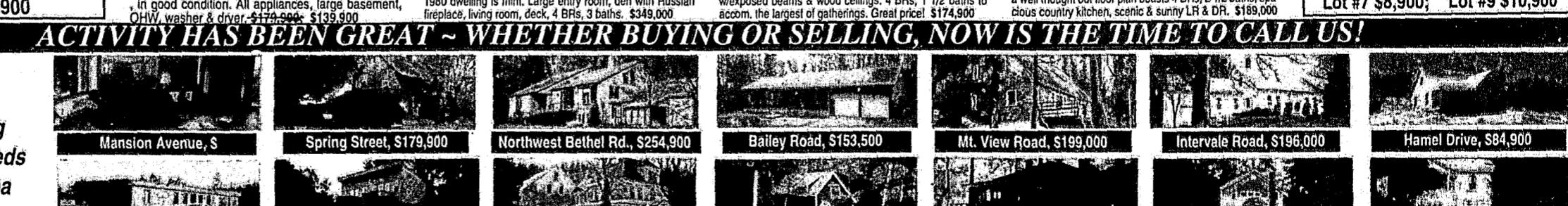


New Listing - West Bethel: Picture Perfect, this very Early American Treasure circa 1850 is sure to delight even the most discriminating! Check full of history, its idyllic setting upon 1+ scenic acre, showcases a Stately 3-story Colonial, glistening w/Fresh Brick Red Paint & Elegant Black Trim. This charming High Ceilings Floor Plan consists of a Center Foyer w/a delicately Winding Staircase & Charming Window Seat Area, Living Room w/Fireplace, Dining Room w/Fireplace, Master BR w/Fireplace, & additional 3rd story BRs. Elegant and warm, capture this very Special Property at \$129,000!

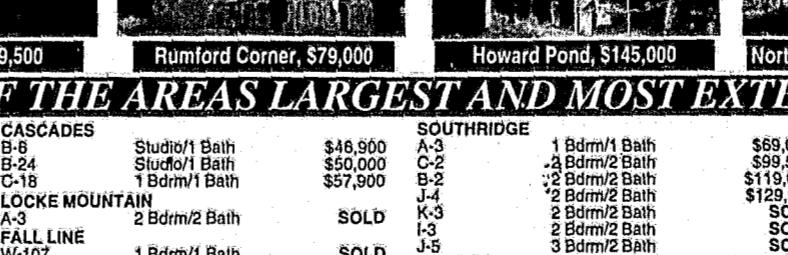


OAK TREE ESTATES: Ranging from 9.24+/- to 1.55+/- acres these lovely parcels abound w/gorgeous beech trees, loc only min to Lake Christopher, Twitchell Pond, South Pond & area skiways. This more recently formulated subdivision has well thought out road curvatures & parcel placement with all important covenants.

Lot #1 \$11,900; Lot #2 \$10,900
Lot #4 \$13,900; Lot #6 \$8,900
Lot #7 \$8,900; Lot #9 \$10,900



South Ridge Townhomes, A-3: Covered townhome boasts ski-in/ski-out access, views of trails and spacious living. Woodburning fireplace ensures apres-ski enjoyment. \$69,000



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Obituaries

READ L. GROVER

Read L. Grover, 46, of East Waterford, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

He was born in Lewiston on Nov. 16, 1952, the son of Dwight and Mary Read Grover. He was a graduate of Fryeburg Academy and the University of Maine at Orono in 1976.

He worked for many years for his father at Grover Lumber and the Crooked River Dowel Mill. He later operated Fred P. Saunders Dowel Mill in Bridgton.

He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Mt. TIREM Lodge AF & AM 132 of Waterford, Scottish Rite, Kora Temple, and was a past director of the Wood Turning Association.

He enjoyed his family, liked fishing, snowmobiling, loved his chil-

dren, and loved his lab, "Pete." He had lived in the East Waterford area for many years.

He married the former Terry Dunn on June 29, 1991.

Survivors include his wife of East Waterford, three daughters, Amie Boyd of Virginia, Kimberly Grover and Leslie Grover of East Waterford; two sons, Casey of South Paris and Daniel of East Waterford; three sisters, Margaret Pinkham of East Boothbay, Martha Holden of North Bridgton, and Mary Jones of Minot; his mother and father of Stoneham; nieces and nephews; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Peter and Donna Dunn of Mechanic Falls; and a sister-in-law, Sandy Saunders.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 28, at the North Waterford Congregational Church, with the Reverends Janice Wilcox and

Norman Rust officiating. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery in Stoneham. Masonic services were conducted by Mt. TIREM Lodge AF & AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Read's memory may be sent to the Waterford Sports and Recreation group or to the Mt. TIREM Lodge Building Fund.

AARNE CUMMINGS AND BERTHA CUMMINGS

Aarne Cummings, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at Sebasticook Valley Health Care Facility in Pittsfield after a long illness.

Earlier that day his wife Bertha, 80, died unexpectedly at his side. She died at 7:30 a.m.; Aarne joined her at 4:30 p.m.

Aarne was born Nov. 19, 1911, in South Paris, the third child of John and Mary Cummings (Juho and Mari (Huotari) Komulainen). He was a graduate of South Paris High School in 1931. He served in the Maine State Guard during World War II.

For over 30 years he was a resident of Hartland, where he was employed as a foreman at the Irving

Tanning Company. In 1981 he moved to Pittsfield where he spent the rest of his life. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, skiing, and following the local sports scene.

He is survived by a sister, Annie Kelleher of Hebron. He was predeceased by three sisters, Toini, Hilda, and Ella; and his brothers, John, Carl and Eino.

Bertha was born on Oct. 21, 1918, in North Newry, the third child of Ole and Matilda (Fortier) Olson. She attended Newry and Bethel schools.

For many years she was employed as a certified nurses assistant at Sebasticook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield.

Survivors include two sisters, Sarah Stevens of Bethel and Gina Haggard of Worcester, Mass. She was predeceased by a sister, Annie; and five brothers, Ola, Jorgen, Haaken, Ole, and Ted.

Aarne and Bertha Cummings were married Nov. 11, 1938, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in South Paris and celebrated their 60th anniversary this year. Their lives together were filled with love and commitment to each other and their family.

Aarne and Bertha Cummings were members of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection of Waterville.

Survivors include their children, Karla and Fred Ricker of Etna, A. Michael and Sonja Cummings of Pittsfield, Karen and Larry McGibney of Etna, and Mark and Melanie Cummings of Farmington; a special nephew, Carl Cummings and his wife Judy of St. Albans; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. They were predeceased by a grandson, Cameron Mark Ricker.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 31, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Paris.

WEDDINGS • BIRTHS • DEATHS

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WILLIAM JOHNSTON

William J. Johnston, 88, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at the Rumford Community Hospital. He had resided on Route 2, Rumford Point, and had lived in the area since 1977, and was formerly of Lynn, Mass., for many years.

He was born in Charlestown, Mass., on March 11, 1910, the son of Simon and Angelina (Sexen) Johnston. He was graduated from the Revere High School, Revere, Mass., in the Class of 1928 and attended Wentworth Institute in Boston, Mass. During WW-II he served with the U.S. Navy as a radioman 3rd class.

Mr. Johnson had been employed by the General Electric Corp. in Lynn, Mass., for over 35 years until retirement in 1975 from the Turbine Assembly Division.

Mr. Johnston had attended the Men's Club of Rumford Point Congregational Church.

He was married in Lynn, Mass., on June 28, 1941, to the former Grace F. Cameron, who survives of Rumford Point.

Other survivors include a daughter, Karen Wagner of Peaks Island, Portland; two sons, William F. Johnston and his wife Kathleen of Lamoine and James S. Johnston and his wife Linda of Bryant Pond; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Dec. 29 at the Rumford Point Congregational Church, with the Rev. Deborah Jenks officiating. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the American Lung Association of Maine, 122 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330, in his memory.

ROBERT E. COOLIDGE

Robert E. Coolidge, 69, of Sunset Road, Bethel, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Greenwood on Sept. 19, 1929, the son of Arthur and Anna (Bennett) Coolidge. He attended school in Greenwood and Locke Mills and served his country faithfully in the U.S. Navy on the USS Huntington and USS Midway. He worked for many years at A.C. Lawrence Leathers in South Paris and later as a cook at Gould Academy in Bethel.

He devoted his life to make his wife and children happy. He en-

joyed his grandchildren and loved spending time with them. His door was always open to anyone he met.

He was a preacher at heart and his words of wisdom to everyone were "never pick up hitchhikers, especially anytime." He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time at Trap Corner.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Greene Coolidge of Bethel; two sons and their wives, William and Patricia of West Paris and Edward and Audrey of Oxford; four daughters and their husbands, Linda and Michael Korhonen of West Paris, Mary Ellen and Roeell Cummings of West Paris, Florence Coffin of Greenwood, and Janet Lee Cox of Bryant Pond; two stepsons, Stephen Richards of Norway and Bruce Richards and his wife Diane of New Hampshire; one brother, Wilfred of Locke Mills; three sisters, Constance Blanchard and Margaret Bailey both of Locke Mills, and Anna Packard of Mims, Fla.; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by a son, Robert; a daughter, Theresa; a brother, Calvin; and a sister, Theresa Martin.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Dec. 30, at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Norway, with interment in Riverside Annex Cemetery, South Paris. In lieu of flowers those wishing may make memorial gifts in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 52 Federal Street, Brunswick, ME 04011, or American Lung Association, 128 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

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Lisa and Richard Roy of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Benjamin Maurice, born on Dec. 21, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Joan Woodhead of Laconia, N.H.

Paternal grandmother is Michelene Roy of Laconia, N.H. Benjamin joins brother Ethan, 2.

Linda Hart and Tim MacKillop of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Deziree Noelle MacKillop, born on Dec. 21, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Geraldine Phelps of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Howard and Arlene MacKillop of Bryant Pond.

Deziree joins brother Joshua Ryan, 12.

Edward and Cathy Millett of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Dominique Marie, born on Dec. 14, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Robin Adams of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Delilah Millett of East Stoneham.

Dominique joins a sister, Desirée, age 2.

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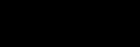
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